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FRANTIC EFFORTS TO AVERT CRISIS: HINDU-LEAGUE PARLEYS

KARACHI, February 23.

IT is reliably understood that His Excellency the Governor will accept the resignation of the Allahbux Ministry on Monday, before the Assembly meets to discuss the motion of no-confidence sponsored by the Hindu Independent Party.

It is stated that the Governor cannot keep pending the resignation of the Allahbux Ministry for an indefinite period.

Consequently the Assembly would be dissolved and before general elections are held the Constitution would be suspended for some time to enable the Governor to certify the budget.

If by that time, however, an alternative Ministry with a workable majority is shown, such a contingency would not arise. But such prospects appear to be gloomy as despite ten days' unending talks of the Hindu Independent Party with Khan Bahadur Allahbux on the one hand and the Muslim League on the other, the gulf between the parties remains wide as ever.

Talks for producing an alternative Ministry were renewed again this morning. The Hindu Independent Party met Khan Bahadur Khuhro and other prominent members of the Muslim League to-day and sounded them how far they would accept their demands which they were seeking as minority community, if the Hindu Independent Party joined the Muslim League in the formation of an alternative Ministry. The terms of the Hindu Independent Party are now being considered by the League Party.

Khan Bahadur Allahbux has declined to commit himself to the Hindu Independent Party as regards their demands. This has evoked resentment in certain section of the Party.

The Hindu Independent Party is meeting the Congress Party tomorrow when attempts will be made to explore a common line of action in the interests of the Hindu minority.

If nothing comes out of this endless talks, a last attempt will be made to avert the dissolution of the House by requesting the Speaker to call an all-party conference where avenues will be explored for producing an alternative Ministry.—United Press.

No Truck With Muslim League

SHILLONG, Feb. 23.

In reply to questions in the Assam Assembly to-day the Hon. Sir Muhammad Saadulla, Premier, stated that the present Ministry was a coalition one as its very personnel demonstrated. He made it clear that it was not a Muslim League Ministry, nor a League-coalition one, and that its programme was not guided or influenced by the Central or the Provincial Muslim League.

The Premier also informed the House that all Muslim members of his Cabinet were members of the Muslim League, two of them being members of the Working Committee of the All-India League.—United Press.

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Fierce Air Battle Over Arctic

OSLO, Feb. 22.

PERSISTENT RUMOURS THAT A FIERCE AIR BATTLE HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS OVER THE ARCTIC OCEAN IS CURRENT IN KIRKENES.

A BLIZZARD HAS BEEN RAGING FOR THE LAST 24 HOURS AND HAS REDUCED VISIBILITY TO NIL AT KIRKENES.

NO CONFIRMATION OF THE ALLEGED BATTLE IS OBTAINABLE FROM VADSO, 30 MILES NORTH-EAST OF KIRKENES AND THE ISLAND OF VARDO IN THE ARCTIC.

"AFTENPOSTEN'S" CORRESPONDENT AT KIRKENES STATES THAT IT HAS NOW BEEN POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION THAT BRITISH WARSHIPS ARE IN THE ARCTIC, OFF PETSAMO AND MURMANSK.

RED ARMY'S DESPERATE DRIVE

"BIG BIRTHDAY EFFORT"

BUT FINNS CLAIM SOVIET REVERSES

HELSINKI, Feb. 23.

A communique claims that the Finns repulsed two enemy attacks between Muolajaervi and Ayrapaanjaervi after each of which the Russians left approximately a whole battalion dead.

An enemy detachment which attacked Syskiemi across the Ayrapaan Lake was driven back losing 800 killed and 100 prisoners.

In the course of the clearing up of the stronghold captured on Wednesday to the north of Lake Ladoga an abundance of war material was captured including twelve guns, over fifty machine-guns and tractors.

"BIG BIRTHDAY" EFFORT

A "Reuter's cable says:—

The Soviet troops are still some miles from Viipuri, the key city in the Mannerheim Line, where the Red Army has promised to plant the Red Flag in celebration of the Red Army's twenty-second birthday to-day. The Russians are bombing the city, while considerable forces of new troops, and large numbers of tanks have been flung into the battle in a big "birthday effort" to batter and breach the Mannerheim Line.

The Finns continue to counter-attack strongly and claim to have beaten back the Russians on both the flanks and in the centre of the Mannerheim Line. All the strength of the Red Army offensive appears to be aimed at the Finnish right flank, where the fortress of Koivisto still holds out to harass the advance of the invaders.

FOG HOLDS UP "RED" ADVANCE

ROME: Fog and bad weather are holding up the Red Army drive against the Mannerheim

(Continued on page 4, col. 5)

Defeat Germany By Rescuing Finland

Belisha Wants Decisive Action Now To Curtail Duration Of War

LONDON, Feb. 23.

That France and Britain should throw all their weight by sea, air and land into the task of helping Finland was urged by Mr. Hore-Belisha addressing the constituents of Devonport at his first public speech since resigning the War Ministry.

"The Allies have no easy task before them. To assure triumph they must rely not on an internal enemy, collapse but defeat by external force. Continued resistance of Finland gives reason to believe that Russia's might rests on insecure foundations. The risk of helping Finland may be great, but the risk of not helping her may be greater. Does anybody imagine that if Russia wins she will be satisfied with Finland or that Germany will not receive from Russia equivalent advantages in Scandinavia?

Control of Finland, Norway and Sweden by Germany and Russia would mean that our considerable purchases there could be stopped and Germany will be able to organise additional markets for herself. A well-planned and adequate decisive action now could curtail the duration of war while, any halfhearted intervention would be abortive from the start."—Reuter.

Nazi Losses In Air Raids

41 Brought Down On East Coast Of Britain: 37 Lost In France

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Since the beginning of the war, the total number of German planes brought down on the east coast totals 41. The destruction of these 41 machines has definitely been established but the German losses may well be more because nine other machines are believed to have been too badly damaged to return to Germany.

On the other hand, not a single British fighter has been lost during these raids.

German machines brought down in France now number 37.—Reuter.

CONGRESS DATES

Opening of the Exhibition—March 10; Working Committee—March 14, 15 and 16; Subjects Committee—March 17, 18 and 19; Open Session of the Congress.—March 19, 20 and 21.

HEADING TOWARDS

TEXTILE GENERAL STRIKE

Hitch In Ahmedabad Negotiations

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 23.

A great deal of correspondence was exchanged between the millowners and the Labour Association, each explaining and clarifying its own position. The general outlook at this moment, however, is not hopeful at all.

The Labour Association is vigorously carrying on strike propaganda amongst the workers, who are very enthusiastic.

The labour area is all activity and the sole topic of discussion among workers is strike.

CONGRESS SYMPATHY WITH LABOUR

The Gujarat Congress Committee is keenly watching the situation though intervention on their part is not considered to be useful. It is understood that they have their sympathy with labour, whose cause they think just. It is likely that after the commencement of the strike, some ways and means would be found out to help Labour but the steps will be actually considered after the commencement of the strike.

Meanwhile the general feeling among the public is that the strike could not be avoided in view of the correspondence that has passed between the two parties and that has just been released.

PAYING CAPACITY OF INDUSTRY

Millowners Want This Principle To Be Basically Accepted

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 23.

A settlement has not yet been arrived at as there is a serious hitch on the terms of reference to arbitration.

Millowners met this morning and discussed for two hours on the Labour Association's letter and again wrote another letter to the Labour Association asking them to clear the points involved in the Millowners' statement and to accept the principle of the paying capacity of the industry before going in for arbitration, along with the Labour demands.

Thus the signs are not hopeful as serious differences exist on the terms of reference. It is likely the Labour Association may have to reply by a General Strike. It would seem new points are raised by the owners, which the Labour Association is unable to accept.

Labour Association's Letter To Rajen Babu

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 23.

The Textile Labour Association has sent a telegram to Babu Rajendra Prasad to-day refuting certain points arising out of the reply of the Millowners' Association to the Congress President.

"The Millowners' telegram version," the Association states, "is unfair and inaccurate. We desire impartial examination of all facts relating to responsibility for the breakdown of arbitration machinery. We are sending all papers of correspondence."

WHY KASTURBHAI RESIGNED.

"Seth Kasturbhai resigned from the Presidentship of the Association last year because the Millowners rejected the arbitration system. Kindly refer to page 105 of the Special Conciliator's report, which states clearly that the Labour Union, after correspondence for the renewal of proper and permanent arbitration arrangements, have accepted arbitration in this dispute. The Millowners declined subsequently. The Bombay Government suggested reference of the dispute to an Industrial Court. The Millowners again refused.

A MORAL ISSUE.

The charge against labour of insistence on arbitration regarding balance only is incorrect. Instead, the Labour Association had, prior to the Millowners' telegram, declared their willingness to submit the entire question to arbitration.

"Kindly convey to the Millowners our readiness to refer to arbitration without reservations or restrictions, thus leaving no scope for disagreement. A moral issue will arise if the Millowners reject our offer of unconditional arbitration.

QUIT ORDER ON MILL WORKERS

DACCA, Feb. 23.

Notices dispensing with the services of 51 operatives of the Dhakeswari Cotton Mills and asking them to vacate the quarters immediately, were served on them yesterday.

This step on the part of the Mill authorities, the workers alleged, was in violation of the terms of settlement whereupon the general strike was called off on Monday last.—United Press.

BOMBAY TEXTILE PEACE TALKS FAIL
See Page 8

Mathuradas Tricumji To Be Next Mayor

Congress Municipal Party's Choice

BOMBAY, Friday.

At a meeting of the Municipal Congress Party held yesterday at the Congress House, it was decided that Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji, Leader of the Party, should stand as a candidate for mayoralty for this year.

There were two candidates in the field, Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji and Mr. Mohanlal Desai, but the Party nominated Mr. Tricumji by a majority of 31 to 13.

For the chairmanship of the Municipal Standing Committee the Party nominated Mrs. Lilavati Munshi by a majority. Mr. Gordhandas Morarji was the other candidate.

Mrs. Malinibai Sukhtankar and Mr. Ishwarbhai Patel were selected to stand for the chairmanship of the Improvement Committee and the Schools' Committee respectively.

The following four members were selected to stand for four seats on the Schools Committee: Mr. Ishwarbhai Patel, Mr. Ganpatshankar Desai, Prof. Gharpure and Mr. Shirodkar.

Mr. Yusuf Meher Ali, who was the fifth candidate, was voted down.

CONGRESS PARTY LEADER ASKED TO WALK OUT

LAHORE, Feb. 23.

An unexpected development took place in the Punjab Legislative Assembly to-day when following the refusal of Dewan Chamanlal, the Acting Leader of the Congress Party in the Assembly, to withdraw certain remarks the Speaker asked him to leave the House and he left followed by all the members of the party.

Immediately after the question hour the Speaker intimated to the House his intention not to allow any adjournment motion to-day as supplementary budget estimates were to be presented.

CHARGE AGAINST SPEAKER

The Opposition objected to it and Dewan Chamanlal said that so long as he was a member of the House, he would not permit the Chair or any member to trample under foot the rules of procedure. The Speaker had done it.

To these remarks the Speaker took exception and asked Dewan Chamanlal to withdraw them.

But the Opposition Leader said that he never meant any insinuation but what he intended to convey was that the Speaker might commit mistakes.—United Press.

At a general meeting of the Congress Assembly Party held immediately after the incident the matter was discussed and Dewan Chamanlal said that at a suitable time suitable steps would be taken to vindicate the rights of the Opposition.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

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BERLIN, Feb. 23.

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HIGH COURT

O. O. C. J.

Suit No. 109 of 1939.

MULCHAND GALALCHAND .. Plaintiff.

vs.

MOHSEIN TYEBBHAI ABDULHUSEIN & Ors. .. Defendants.

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HIGH COURT.

O. O. C. J.

Suit No. 747 of 1939.

Messrs. PREMCHAND DEVICHAND & CO., a firm ...Plaintiffs

vs.

(1) ABDUL RAZAK bin RAHIMBUX HAKIM. (2) TAJAMUL HUSEIN ABDUL RAZAK. (3) SHAIKH NASIR ASMAT ..... Defendants.

To TAJAMUL HUSEIN ABDUL RAZAK. SHAIKH NASIR ASMAT. 2nd and 3rd defendants abovenamed.

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Dated this 23rd day of February, 1940.

RANCHHODDAS & CO., Plaintiffs' Attorneys Examiner Press Building, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay. 2007.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of certain Securities and debts belonging to ABDULLABHAI MAHOMEDALLY BROACHWALA alias ABDULLABHOY MAHOMEDALLY BROACHWALA alias ABDULLABHAI MAHOMEDALLY BROACHWALLA alias A. M. BROACHWALA alias ABDULLABHAI MAHOMEDALLY ADENWALLA or BROACHWALLA. late of Broach Bohra Mahomedan Inhabitant, a Merchant, residing at Vohrwad Broach .... Deceased

Bai SAKINABAI ESSOOFALLY, widow of Abdullabhai Mahomedally, the deceased abovenamed of Broach Bohra Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Vohrwad, Broach ..... Petitioner

ALL persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 13th day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty and in the fourth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

S. J. RAHIMTOOLA, for Prothonotary and Senior Master

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Detailed particulars and prescribed form of application can be obtained from the Director of Industries, Old Custom House Yard, Bombay. The last date for receiving applications is 22nd March, 1940. (1998)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

SUMMARY SUIT No. 2 of 1939

Summary Suit.

Plaint filed this 9th day of January 1939.

Summons under O. XXXVII, r. 2, of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Messrs. POONAMCHAND DEEPAJI AND CO., a firm carrying on business as Shroffs at Thakurdwar, outside the Fort. .. Plaintiffs.

vs.

(1) ADNAN A. ASGARALLI, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Santa Cruz in the Suburban District of Bombay, (2) GULAMALLI NOOROODIN also of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Santa Cruz in the Suburban District of Bombay. .. Defendants.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India. Greeting:

WHEREAS the abovenamed Plaintiffs have instituted a suit in this Court against you the abovenamed Defendants under rule 2 of Order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for Rs. 4,000/- with interest thereon at the rate of two per cent per mensem from 4th January, 1938, till judgment due under Promissory Note dated 4th January, 1938.

You are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you, within ten days from the service hereof, in default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such ten days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs. 4,000/- and interest as aforesaid and costs, together with such interest if any, as the Court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, the Plaintiffs will thereafter serve upon you a Summons for Judgment at the hearing of which you will be entitled to ask the Court for leave to defend the Suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend the suit.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, KNIGHT, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid this 13th day of January, 1939.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI, For Prothonotary and Senior Master.

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI.

The 13th day of January, 1939. Messrs. AMIN, DESAI NANAVATI, Plaintiffs' Attorneys. (2008)

Auction Sales

M. MODY & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF JEWELLERY TO-MORROW at 2-30 p.m. Bombay High Court Decree No. 342 Plaintiff's right to sell at Kalbadevi. Old Linseed Hall. On view. M. MODY & CO., Auctioneers, 132, Meadows Street, Fort.

Auction Sales

CRAWFORD & Co.

RARE OPPORTUNITY

BONAFIDE AUCTION SALE OF ARTISTIC FURNITURE and WORKS OF ART: By order of the Executors of the Estate of late Mr. R. D. Sethna, Messrs. Crawford & Co. will on Sunday 25th February 1940 at 10-30 a.m. (S.T.) sell by public auction at Esplanade House (former Sir Dorab Tata's Palace) Waudby Road, Fort, Bombay, furniture specially made of FRENCH, QUEEN ANNE and MODERN design, containing amongst other complete suites of Drawing, Dining and Bed room furniture.

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Government Auctioneers.

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*Asama Maru		3 June
Tatuta Maru	20 June	28 June
Kamakura Maru	5 July	13 July
Nitta Maru	23 July	31 July
Asama Maru	8 August	15 Aug.

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On The Air

SATURDAY, FEB. 24.

Bombay I II Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit! 8-10 Indian music. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Delhi 1. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

11-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 1. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 1.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 5-25 As in Delhi 1. 5-35 to 6 As in Delhi 1. 6-10 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 6-30 Sports results. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Recorded music. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 H. G. Wells' talk on "New World Order" and Z. A. Bokhari's talk from the Western Front (H.) 8-40 to 9 As in Delhi 2. 9-45 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Pazir Khan. 5-10 Sohan Singh. 5-25 Afzal Husain. 5-35 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-40 When the sun goes down. 6-15 Ustad Bundu Khan. 6-30 The Iron Heel, 4. 6-45 Asad Ali Khan. 7 For villagers only. 8 Mehboob Jan. 8-15 The books I have been reading. 8-30 Roshan Lal Bhatnagar. 8-50 Duets with dialogue. 10 Mehboob Jan. 10-10 Roshan Lal Bhatnagar. 10-35 Persian music

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 to 7 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 7 From Khayal to Geet. 8 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

5-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Abdul Waheed Khan Chishti Sabiri. 7-20 Badrbai. 7-30 Stories from the Puranas, 4. 7-45 Anwarbai. 8 Sahara. 8-40 Badrbai. 8-50 Indian music. 9-50 Badrbai. 10-10 Abdul Waheed Khan Chishti Sabiri.

Dacca Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. Greeting the dusk! 5-10 Nutu Mukerjee. 5-35 Biva Chakravarti. 5-45 News in Bengali. 5-50 Probhat Kumar Mukhopadhyaya. 6-5 Toyland or Khelaghar. 7 Biva Chakravarti. 7-15 Mira Devi. 7-35 Wali-ul-Lah Khan. 7-50 And all for nothing! 8-20 Nutu Mukerjee. 9-5 Wali-ul-Lah Khan. 9-45 A variety.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)
370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the countryside. 5-50 For the countryside. 6-10 Israr Ahmed. 6-25 Dinanath Uppal. 6-35 Leelabai. 6-50 Leelabai. 7-5 Bijita-Bijeta. 7-45 I spend my holidays, 4. 8 Just a surprise. 8-15 Sukhomoy Ganguli. 9 Masters of Humour. 9-45 Dance music.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. Preet 6-17 Fateh Ali Mobarak Ali. 6-25 Topic of the day. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Saheli Boojh Paheli. 7-20 Fateh Ali Mobarak Ali. 7-30 Hikmat Ke Khazane, 4. 7-45 Kalse Pieces, 2. 8-5 Ghazals. 8-25 A sarangi recital. 8-30 War past and present, 3. 8-45 Fateh Ali Mobarak Ali. 8-55 Rashke Jehan. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Jigar and Ghalib. 10-5 Gauhar Sultan. 10-11 Shikwa. 10-18 Rashke Jehan.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Programme for women (Eng.) 4-30 Violin Melodies. 4-45 Dance music. 5 Instrumental music. 5-20 Valadi Krishna Iyer 6-5 Shrimati N. Kesi. 6-30 The night came 6-45 Shrimati Parvati Varsyar. 7 Make me cry. 7-10 Interlude. 7-50 Shrimati Parvati Varsyar. 8-30 Valadi Krishna Iyer. 9 Air Force For Navy. 9-10 Interlude.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 to 6-5 p.m. As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-30 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Pianoforte duets. 9-45 Conchita Supervia. 9-57 London again. 10-10 Robin Godfrey.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 C. A. Subramanya Bhagavatar. 6-5 For the villages. 6-30 Shrimati T. Balasaraswati. 7 Ulagapokku. 7-15 Learn to sing. 7-50 C. A. Subramanya Bhagavatar. 8-30 M. N. Nataraja Pillai. 8-45 Shrimati T. Balasaraswati. 9-45 T. S. Srinivasarao.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Passenger	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon)	(Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 8-40

Investment Buying On Liverpool Cotton Exchange

BOMBAY LIQUIDATES NEW CROP HOLDINGS

Scarcity Of Contracts

Bombay: Feb. 23.

On Thursday American markets were closed being Washington Birthday.

The Liverpool cotton market opened steady at a rise of 2 points with March 7.83. There was investment buying which met Bombay liquidation of new crop months otherwise there was scarcity of contracts which encouraged local support.

Later on there was light trade calling which was offset by Bombay selling. The market closed quiet. Prices fluctuated within a range of 4 pts. and finally closed at a net rise of 2 pts. Middling American spot cotton prices improved 2 pts. at 8.02d. per lb

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton ring was quietly steady with a moderate turnover. Uppers futures improved one to three points and spot cotton gained one point at 10.21d. Giza futures also improved one point and spot price was reduced 3 points at 10.56d.

The Alexandria cotton market was very quiet with scattered selling. Sakels futures declined 18 to 21 points and Ashmouni futures lost 13 to 21 points.

The Manchester cloth market is showing signs of improvement with fairly active enquiry for yarn. Thus consumption in Manchester mills is likely to increase and after March liquidation the market will be able to give a better account.

PRICE PROSPECT

Messrs. J. Kahn and Co. Dallas, Texas, write in one of their recent reports as follows:—

"With domestic consumption stimulated by improving general business conditions and the exports reflecting the results of the export subsidy the total for the season should exceed 14,000,000 bales and could reach 14,500,000 according to many experts. Carryover should thus be reduced by nearly 4,000,000 to just above 11,000,000 bales. In connection with the carryover the quantity frozen in Government hands, i.e., 1934 and 1937 loan stocks of nearly 7,000,000 bales should be considered, as the free carry over is thus greatly reduced. It is estimated that a price of 13 1/2 cents is necessary before the Government can sell those stocks."

PRIVATE CABLES—

Liverpool March Highest ..... 7.85+04
Liverpool March Lowest 7.81

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool.—Some hedge selling met trade demand. Market narrow but undertone steady.

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool: Feb. 22.

February	7.81+02
March	7.83+02
April	7.86+02
May	7.88+02
June	7.89+02
July	7.85+02
August	7.80+02
September	7.73+02
October	7.68+02
November	7.65+02
December	7.62+02
January	7.58+02
February	8.02+02
Middling Spot 10.45 a.m QUOTATIONS	
March	7.81
May	7.87

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: Feb. 23.

Following a rise of 2 points in Liverpool cotton futures the local market was expected to open at Rs. 261/8 for Broach A/M delivery but the market opened very steady at Rs. 262/8 and advanced to Rs. 266 on active buying by Calcutta operators. Our prices are still attractive as compared with foreign cotton prices and recently there had been fairly active buying by exporters. The tone of the market was firm.

Later on there was further buying and Broach A/M delivery advanced to Rs. 267/8. Liverpool opened at a rise of 3 points and Broach A/M was quoted at Rs. 267. Later on Liverpool was 5 points up and Broach was steady at Rs. 267/4. Later on there was some local realising and the market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G	Broach April/May	Rs. 265/12
F G M G	Broach July/August	Rs. 273/8
Fine M G	Oomra March	Rs. 236/0
Fine M G	Oomra May	Rs. 239/12
F G M G	Bengal March	Rs. 198/4
F G M G	Bengal May	Rs. 201/0

COTTON PARITY.

Difference Broach:—
A/M below Lpl. May 187 penny points.
J/A below Lpl. July 171 penny points.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria: Feb. 22.

SAKELS	ASHMOUNI	GIZA
Mar. 19.87—18	Feb. 17.60—21	Mar. 18.26—12
May. 19.98—21	Apr. 17.90—13	May. 18.84— 9

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: Feb. 22.

		Highest	Lowest	Closing at 5 p.m.
Broach	A/M	263 1/4	261 3/4	262 1/4
Broach	J/A	271 3/4	270	270
Oomra	Mar.	234	233	233 1/4
Oomra	May	237 3/4	236 1/2	236 3/4
Bengal	Mar.	198	196 1/4	196 1/4
Bengal	May	201	199 1/4	199 1/4

Night Session: Broach A/M opening Rs. 261 1/2; Highest Rs. 262 1/4; Lowest Rs. 261 1/2; Closing Rs. 261 1/2. Broach J/A closing Rs. 269.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool: Feb. 22.

	UPP.	GIZA
Spot	10.21+1	10.56—3
March	9.98+1	10.28—0
May	10.09+1	10.47+1
July	10.19+1	10.57+1
October	10.17+3	10.57+1
December	10.11+3	Nov. 10.57+1
January	10.09+3	10.57+1

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay: Feb. 23.

Bengal Fine	204/06
Punjab Fine	199/201
C. P. 1	249/51
C. P. 2	239/41
Berar	231/33
Khandesh	222/26
Jalna/Sailu	226/29
Ahmednagar	224/26
Broach	257/61
Punjab 4 F.	273/81
Punjab 289 F.	308/16
Sindh N. T.	290/98

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay: Feb. 23.

		Extra Spr.	fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G	Bengal U P	204	202	199	196		
M G	Punjab	204	202	199	196		
M G	Rajputana	212	210	207	204		
M G	Oomra No. 3	242	240	237	234		...
M G	C. P. No. 1	256	254	251	248		...
M G	C. P. No. 2	248	246	243	240		...
M G	Broach No. 2	.....	269	267	264		254
M G	Surat	.....	306	304	301		299
M G	Rajpipla	.....	302	300	297		294
M G	Navsari	.....	317	315	312		309

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay: Feb. 22.

The following are the weekly quotations for the precious metals:—

	Per cent.	Per Tola Rs.
Platinum (Elephant Brand)	100	70
Platinum (Elephant Brand)	97	69
Platinum (Anchor Brand)	25	20
Palladium	100	55
Iridium	100	110
Osmium	100	90
Ruthenium	100	80
Rhodium	100	220

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London: Feb. 22.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£ 66
INDIAN STOCK—	
3 per cent 1948	£ 76
3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£ 91
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£110 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£ 74
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£100
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£ 98 7/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£111 5/8
Victory bonds	£109 1/2
Chartered bank of I.A. and China	£ 9
Hongkong and Shanghai bank, London register	£ 87
National bank of India	£ 39

FALL IN JUTE EXPORTS

Regulation Of 1940 Crop: More Cotton Used In America

According to the February issue of the Indian Central Jute Committee's Bulletin imports of raw jute into Calcutta and mill area during the last seven months were 13.3 lakhs of bales higher than the imports during the corresponding period of the previous year, but exports were smaller by 5.8 lakhs of bales.

The exports of manufactured goods, however, rose, but not enough to counterbalance the heavy fall in raw jute, exports of which began to decline much earlier. While the war seems to have reversed the falling trend of exports of jute manufactures, those of raw jute continue to decline.

There was a heavy fall in prices during January, but the decision of the Government of Bengal to regulate the production of the next crop by legislation may check this fall. It si intended not to allow the crop sown during 1940 to exceed that of 1939.

CHANCE TO COTTON

High prices of jute goods are now giving cotton the chance that legislation and subsidies have failed to provide for it in the past. In the United States of America cotton bales are now being wrapped with cotton bagging and a drive is being launched to use cotton bags for handling flour and coffee. The twine manufacturers of America are using cotton and sisal in place of jute. Though it appears likely that the makers of carpet yarns will continue to use jute, it seems that makers of ordinary twines have forsaken jute.

Efforts are also being made in France to replace jute sandbags by coir bags which are expected to be cheaper and more durable.

As a result of experiments conducted in schools in different parts of the United States of America to see how wall linoleum would stand up in corridors and class rooms, it was found that not only did linoleum prove to be a decorative and a serviceable material, but in every instance the pupils lost their urge to disfigure the walls as they had previously been doing with plaster. It is expected that wall linoleum will now be extensively used in American schools.

CULTIVATION IN EGYPT

Experiments have proved that jute can be grown in Egypt, though it has been found difficult to rot the jute to get white fibre. The mud in Nile water gives the fibre a bluish colour. First quality fibre could, however, be obtained by rotting jute in filtered Nile Water. The yield per acre is considered to be satisfactory, being 600 kilos to over one ton of fibre per acre. The total cost of cultivation averages to 9 1/2 Egyptian pounds per acre.

In view of the difficulties experienced in obtaining jute manufactures since the outbreak of war, the question of establishing jute factories in Egypt has been given much prominence The Ministry of Commerce and Industry have been discussing the subject with financiers, businessmen, jute importers and others likely to be interested in the trade, but no final decisions have yet been made. As for raw material required for the proposed jute mills, it has been suggested that imported jute should be used so long as attempts are being made to encourage its cultivation in Egypt.

The beg factories have had some curtailments of the anticipated demand for wheat bags, but if the maize crop continues to make satisfactory progress the total number of bags required for the grain crops will not be far short of normal. Maximum prices for jute goods, as fixed by the Egyptian Government, are now ruling the market.

DUNDEE PROBLEM

The jute supply problem in Dundee has been solved for the time being and the spinners and manufacturers are working to their fullest capacity. If there is any machinery standing idle, it is because there is lack of workers. Quite a number of works have been affected by their operatives joining the Army or being called upon to serve the country in one way or other.

Belgian jute mills are working short time and are in danger of running short of raw material. The National Defence does not absorb more than one-third of the local production capacity and the Belgian Jute Industry mainly depends on the export of its products. But the local Government, being afraid that the country might run short of raw material had to prohibit all exports of jute and jute goods from the beginning of the war.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 23.

Fine White Java Sugar (per cwt)—	
Ready (small grain)	Rs. 17/14
Ready (large grain)	Rs. 18/0
Shipment Decr. F.B.H.	Rs. 8/8
Shipment Janry F.B.H.	Rs 8/8
Shipment Febry. F.B.H.	Rs. 8/8
Shipment March F.B.H.	Rs. 8/8
Shipment Septr. F.B.H.	Rs. 3/8
Indian Sugars Ready—	
Ready (ordinary)	Rs. 17/6
to	Rs. 17/11
Ready (large grain)	Rs. 17/12
to	Rs. 18/2

Tone:—Quiet.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 23.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 94/10
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101/6
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 96/2
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Note 91/8
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 101/12
5 per cent 1960/70 Loan 105/11
4 per cent 1948 Bonds 104/8
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 111/14
5 per cent 1940/48 Bond 101/9

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 111/6
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 110/0
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120/0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 104/8
4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 103/8
5 per cent M. Deb. 1959 115/0
6 per cent M. Deb. 1954 120/12
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956 120

Note—3 1/2 per cent Paper and 5 per cent 1945/55 were in good demand with sellers scarce.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 23.

B. C. RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 23rd Aug.
LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 23rd August
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 23rd Aug.
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 one month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 Two months.
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 334
Bank's buying T T 330
Bank's buying D D 328 1/2
PARIS:—
Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1335
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 79 3/4
Bank's buying T T 78 3/4
Bank's buying 60 days 77 3/4
AMSTERDAM:—
Bank's selling D D 55 1/8
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 54 5/8
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 83 7/8
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 25 1/2
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
CROSS RATE:—
Hongkong/London 1/2 31/32 23rd inst.
Shanghai/London 0/4 3/8 23rd inst.
Java/London 7.46/54 23rd inst.
New York/London Closed 22nd inst.
London/New York 4.02 1/2-3 1/2 22nd inst.
London/Paris 176 1/2-3/4 22nd inst.
London/Italy 78.00 22nd inst.
London/Belgium 23.80/95 22nd inst.
London/Switzerland 17.85/95 22nd inst.
London/Stockholm 16.85/95 22nd inst.
London/Amsterdam 7.52/57 22nd inst.
London/Japan 1/2 9/32 22nd inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.
Gold £8/8/0 21st inst.
Gold £8/8/0 22nd inst.
Silver London Ready 20 3/8 21st inst.
Silver London Ready 20 1/4 22nd inst.
Silver London Forward 20 7/16 21st inst.
Silver London Forward 20 1/4 22nd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 21st inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 22nd inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 21st inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 22nd inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 21st inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 22nd inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1 per cent.
3 months 1 3/4 per cent.
6 months 2 per cent
Tone:—Easy.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS.

London: Feb. 22.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS—

3 per cent	78
3 1/2 per cent	91
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	101 1/2
4 per cent 1948/53	106 1/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	110 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	111 1/2
5 per cent 1942/47	107
3 per cent 1949/52	96 1/2
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	74
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	98 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	111 5/8
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	51/3

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: Feb. 23.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
3 1/2 per cent 91/7; 4 per cent 1960/70 105/9
5 per cent 1945/55 111/9
BANKS
Bank of Baroda 102; Bank of Hindusthan 19; Bank of India 135/12; Central Bank 34/13 Imperial Bank F P 1492/8; Imperial Bank P P 361/14; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 106/4; Union Bank 5/11/6.
TEXTILES
Ahmd New Textiles 450; Ambica 270; Arun 218/12; Arvind 1315; Asok 218/12; Bharatkhand Textiles 2200; Bombay Dyeing 911/4; Buckingham and Carnatics 205; Calico 725; Central India 261/4; Century 288/2; Colaba 146/4; Elgin 155/10; Gokak 180; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 38/12; Jubilee 263/8; Khatau Makanji 115/10; Kohinoor 360; Laxmi Cotton 525; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 103/12; Morarji 182/8; Mysore 103/2; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 333/12; Raipur 700; Rajnagar 150; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 103/12; Swadeshi 251/4; Vishnu 1395; Podar Mills 180
HYDRO ELECTRICS
Andhra Valley Ord 1457/8; Tata Hydro Ord 156/14; Tata Power Ord 1337/8
ELECTRICS
Ahmedabad Electrics 146/4; Ajmer Electrics 10/6; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 128/2; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 170.
MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock Ashdown 460; Associated Cements 115/4; Belapur 208/12; Bombay Burma New 187/8; Bombay Burma Old 590; Bombay Steam 292/8; Bombay Telephone 86/12; Br B Petrol 4/13; Burma Corporation 6/7; Dalmia Cement 9/8; Indian Bleaching 107/8; Industrial Investment Tr 47; India Radio Ord 447/8; Indian Radio Defd 447/8; Indian Copper 2/4/6; Indian Iron 35/2; Mysore Sugar 43; Port Canning 72/8; Premier Construction 84/8; Rohtas Industries 21; Scindia Steam 18/4; Shivrajpur 45; Steel Corp. of Bengal 18/6; Tata Oil 49/8; Tata Steel Ordy 364; Tata Steel Defd. 1905.
JUTES
Birla Jute 21/12; Howrah 54/12; Hukumchand 7/6; Kamarhatty 505; Kankanarrah 420; Lawrence 420; Reliance 59/8.

PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Bombay: Feb. 23.

	Cwts.
Linseed	13,278
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	1,590
Gingellyseed	152
Groundnuts	8,110
Castorseed	10,851
Myrabollams	1,067
Cottonseed	5,970
Indian Sugar	10,983

LONDON EXCHANGES

T T London on—
New York 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2; Paris 176-1/2 to 176 3/4; Madrid 39.00; Montreal 4.43/-4.47; Amsterdam 7.54/7.58; Brussels 23.80/23.95 Milan 78.00; Berne 17.85/17.95; Copenhagen 20.50; Stockholm 16.85/16.95; Oslo 17.80/17.90.

Cheerful Tone In Share Bazar

ACTIVE BUYING IN STEEL AND TEXTILE SHARES

Market Prepares For Central Budget

BOMBAY, Feb. 23.

The local Share Bazar displayed cheerful tone to-day with active buying in Tata Steel and Cotton Mills Shares. It was reported that some Calcutta operators were buying.

Towards the close there was some selling by professional operators. The market is preparing to receive the Central Budget.

Bombay: Feb. 23.

The cautious reference made by Sir Andrew Clow that if the Railways had not come forward with the offer of full contribution next year, the Finance Member would have had to find money by other measures of his own, is believed by the Share Bazar to the effect that there would be no more additional taxation. This belief was shared by a large majority of operators and under active buying and short covering prices looked up.

There was a decided change in the general sentiment and with scarcity of sellers market ruled firm. The technical position of the market is healthy after extensive long liquidation in the last eight weeks. Thus the market is in a good position to show rallying power.

As pointed out yesterday, the uncertainty of the Central Budget was the only discouraging factor and there is disposition to await the actual proposals but often in speculative markets, the prospective position is having effect earlier and when any special news becomes a public property those who possessed the information earlier, book profits. Thus to-day's improvement is discounting prospective outlook. Moreover we have a straight rise for the last three days and naturally those who bought at extreme low levels will be tempted to secure profits on a portion of their speculative holdings, but lower levels will attract better support.

The Budget will be out on the 29th inst. and in the mean time there will be monthly settlement which will also have some influence in shaping the course of prices. Present prices are still below the last month-end transfer operations and it remains to be seen whether bear operators cover on an advancing market or attempt to depress prices. The later move seems risky and while they may not help rise, they may probably take advantage of setbacks to cover unprotected short interest.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 1880 and after advancing to Rs. 1922 closed at Rs. 1905. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 360 and after advancing to Rs. 367/8 closed at Rs. 364. Bombay Dyeing opened at Rs. 910 and after advancing at Rs. 922/8 closed at Rs. 912/8. Kohinoors closed at Rs. 361. Associated Cements closed at Rs. 115/8, Bombay Burmas after advancing to Rs. 600 closed at Rs. 590. It will be seen that there was fairly active buying in Steel and Mill shares, while other speculative counters were steady. At the close local bears made an attempt to depress prices.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay: Feb. 23.

Bombay Dyeing (898/12) 910 912 910 921 912 913 912
Century (285) 290 288 290 293 290 289
Central India (275) 278 277 284 282 285 281 282
Kohinoor (349) 356 358 356 364 361
New Great (319) 329 337 339 341 339 335
Simplex (101) 103/8 105 104
Swadeshi (246) 250 249 256 252
Associated Cement (115/8) 116/4 116 116/4 115/4 115
Andhra (1490) 1500
Tram Ordinary (128) 128/8
Tata Hydro (155) 157/8
Tata Power (1330) 1332 1345 1340 1338/12
Tata Steel Defd (1862/8) 1885 1900 1895 1902
1900 1915 1911 1922 1907 1910 1905 (1895)
Tata Steel Ord (357) 360 367 366 367 364 (362)
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (137) 136/12 137 136/12
Bellapur (202/8) 206 209 208 210 209/8
Bombay Steam (288) 293
Bombay Burma (585) 592 595 596 595 600 590 593 590

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 23.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	350	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	912	8
100	CENTURY	289	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	282	0
100	COLABA	147	0
100	Coorla	120	0
250	David	40	0
250	Dawn	390	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0...6	6
100	FINLAY	147	0
100	GOKAK	181	0
1000	Hindustan	2000	0
100	Indore	39	0
100	Khatau	115	10
100	KOHINOOR	361	0
250	Laxmi	502	8
25	Madras United	25	0
100	MORARJI	180	0
250	Model	72	0
60	MYSORE	104	0
200	NEW GREAT	335	0
100	Osmanshahi	55	0
100	Phoenix	270	0
25	SASSOON SILK	86	0
1000	Sholapur	4225	0
50	SIMPLEX	104	0
100	SWADESHI	252	0
100	SWAN	139	0
500	Vishnu	1380	0
1000	Western	950	0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	102	0
250	Central	35	12
500	Imperial	1,492	8
125-500	Imp. Conty.	361	14
50-100	India	135	12
100	Reserve Bank	106	4
5	Union	5 11	6

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	115	4

INSURANCE

100	Empire	630	0
15-100	Jupiter	9	8
20	Mercantile	49	0
15-75	New India	37	2
200	Oriental	4290	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	4

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	146	4
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1,500	0
10	Ajmer	10	10
50	BOMBAY TRAM	128	8
100	Bombay Suburban	162	8
10	Broach	11	8
100	Karachi	182	8
100	Poona	185	0
100	Surat	160	0
100	TATA HYDRO	157	8
1000	Tata Power	1,338	12

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	977	0
100	C. Province	100	12
100	Gh. Beramati	95	8
100	Gujarat	94	5
100	Mandra Bhon	91	5
100	Pachora Jamner	72	0
100	Sara Serajganj	97	0
500	Tapti Valley	751	4

MININGS

9	Burma Corpn.	6	7
2sh.	Indian Copper	2	4
10	Indian Iron and Steel	35	2
15	SHIVRAJPUR	45	8
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	1,905	0
75	TAT

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NEW YORK COTTON FOUR POINTS UP

Sharp Rise In 3-1/2 % Sterling Loan

SHARES AND SECURITIVE FIRM

Silver Feature

BOMBAY, February 23

New York cotton displayed some activity but prices moved within a narrow margin, as there were no fresh incentives. Subsequently light offerings and increased local enquiry caused rates to make some headway.

During the night session Broach ruled steady with little variation.

London Stock Exchange continued to rule firm. Indian Sterling Loan rose to £92 1/2. Gilts, too, recorded some advance.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES
MARCH 1940
New York, Feb 23

Previous closing	11.03
To-day's opening	11.03
Difference	nil
To-day's closing	11.07
Difference	+04

LIVERPOOL COTTON
MARCH 1940
Liverpool, Feb 23

Previous closing	7.83
To-day's opening	7.86
Difference	+03
To-day's closing	7.85
Difference	+02

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 265-8
Broach July/August	Rs. 273-0

N. Y. COTTON MARKET
New York, Feb 23

The trading in March began at 11.03 i.e. unchanged from the last closing.

Prices advanced on better Liverpool cables and trade and local support while the increased outside buying forced prices still higher with March touching at 11.07.

BOMBAY COTTON
Late Trading
Bombay, Feb 23

In the local market Broach A/M opened at Rs. 265-8 and then slightly declined to Rs. 264-12. The market closed finally at Rs. 265. July/August closed at Rs. 272-8.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Feb 23

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—
March (11.05/11.04) 11.05/03
May (10.77/77) 10.78/78
July (10.36/36) 10.39/38

Liverpool Cotton
Liverpool, Feb 23

American March (7.84) 7.86
American May (7.89) 7.91
Giza March (10.26) 10.28
Giza May (10.45) 10.47

LONDON COMMODITIES
London, Feb 23

SEEDS.
Castorseeds February March (£20 quoted) £20 1/8 quoted
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta February/March (£17 1/2 quoted) £17 5/8 quoted
Linseed La Plata February (£15 1/8 quoted) £15 1/16 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal March (£14 7/8 quoted) £14 7/8 quoted

JUTES.
Dundee February (£54) £54
Lightning February (£50) £50

RUBBER.
Spot (13d paid and sellers) 12 13/16d paid and value
Forward May (12d paid and sellers) 11 7/8d paid and buyers

METALS.
Tin (£244 3/4 buyers; £246 sellers. Easier) £245 1/2 buyers; £246 sellers. Steady
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. ? (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, Feb 23

Previous closing	3.95 7/8
To-day's opening	3.95 3/8

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, Feb 23

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day' closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS
London, Feb 23

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE
London, Feb 23

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day:—
Little selling. Business small. Buyers satisfied.

LONDON SILVER
London, Feb 23

Spot (20 1/4d) 20 3/16d—1/16
Forward (20 1/4d) 20 3/16d—1/16

LONDON GOLD
London, Feb 23

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, Feb 23

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02-50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate
Franc was officially fixed at 175.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6	
Paris on Bombay	(13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay	(30.23) closed
London on Milan	(78.00) 78.00
London on Shanghai	(0-4 to 0-4 3/8) 0-4 to 0-4 3/8
London on Kobe	(1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32) 1-2 3/16 to 1-2 9/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months	(1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months	(1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months	(1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations
Bombay, Feb 23

Wheat May	4	4	3
Wheat September	4	6	3
Linseed May	6	9	0
Linseed September	6	14	0
Groundnuts February	36	9	6
Groundnuts May	38	14	6
Castorseeds May	50	8	0
Cottonseeds May	26	0	6

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Night Quotations.
Bombay, Feb 23

Silver Ready	56	8	0
Silver Maha	56	5	0
Silver Fagan	55	10	0
Gold Ready	42	5	0
Gold Mahe	42	6	6
Gold Fagan	42	8	0
Sovereigns	27	4	6

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, Feb 23

The following are the opening quotations:—
General Motors (dol 53 7/8) dol 53 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 30 7/8) dol 30 3/4
U S Steel Common (dol 59 1/4) dol 58
U S Steel Pref (dol 116) dol 115 1/2

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN
London, Feb 23

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £92 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
INDIAN LOANS
London, Feb 23

3 per cent Indian Stock (£96 1/2) £96 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£91) £92 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£110 1/2) £110 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£111 1/2) £111 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£106 1/4) £106 1/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107) £107
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£101 1/2) £101 1/2

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
5 per cent 1945/55 (£106 5/8) £106 5/8

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent Consols (£74) £74 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100) £100 1/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 5/8) £101 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£111 5/8) £111 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£98 7/8) £99
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£109 1/2) £109 5/8

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors (11-3) 12-1 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52-6) 53-4 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3) dol 3-0
Electric Music Industry (8-6) 8-3
Princhin Johnson 23-4 1/2) 22-7 1/2
Imperial Chemicals (33 1 1/2) 32-10 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (65-0) 65-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£37 1/4) £37 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (33-3) 33-10 1/2
Unilever Ordinary (30-9) 32-4 1/2
Ford Motors (16-3) 16-3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£64 1/4) £64 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (102-6) 102-6
Carreas 'A' (£6 1/8) £6 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (122-6) 122-6
P and O Def (21-7 1/2) 22-6
Distillers (69-6) 69-6
Bredfords Dye (6-10 1/2) 6-10 1/2
British Celanese (8-0) 8-0
J and P Coates Ordinary (36-4 1/2) 36-10 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (38-0) 38-1 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-0) 5-10 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (21-3) 21-3
Inter Nickel (dol 46 1/4) dol 46 1/2
Indian Iron (51-3) 51-3

TEA SHARES
Assam (18-1 1/2) 18-1 1/2
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (23-9) 24 3

JUTES
Barnagore (£9 1/4) £9 1/4

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo Dutch Rubber (26-1 1/2) 26-3
Gula Kelampong (21-10 1/2) 21-10 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (34-6) 34-3

MINING SHARES
Nandydrug (33 1 1/2) 33-6
Burma Corporation (9-1) 9-3
Rio Tintos (£15 1/4) £15
East Rand Properties (44-4 1/2) 45-0
Rand Mines (£6 3/4) £6 7/8

MINE SHARES
Crown (£13 1/4) £13 1/2
Associated Portland Cement (53-9) 53-9
Trinidad Leasehold (76-3) 75-7 1/2
Sub Nigel (£9 3/8) £9 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-0) 25-0
Union Corporation (£6 3/4) £6 7/8

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian (24-4 1/2) 25-0
Anglo Iranian (57-6) 56-7 1/2
Burma Oil (70-7 1/2) 70-0
Mexican Eagle (6-3) 6-4 1/2
Shell Transport (78-9) 78-7 1/2
Royal Dutch (£32 3/4) £32 7/8

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary (£48 1/4) £48
London Midland Ordinary (£23) £22 7/8
London North Eastern Def (£3 1/4) £3 3/8
London Southern Def (£21) £20 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent (£120) £120
London Transport 'C' (£52 1/2) £50 1/2

STEADY TONE IN CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb 23

Jutes: Although they ruled steady business was somewhat restricted. Coals: Moderate business was put through at more less quotation prices. Teas: Practically neglected. Miscellaneous: Indian Irons and other speculative issues continued to rule steady throughout the day. Among others Dunlop Rubber ord recorded sharp advances over yesterday's prices and Titaghur Paper ord kept steady. Government securities kept firm.

Government securities: 3 1/2 per cent G P 91/10; 3 1/2 per cent loan 1947/50 102/6 small lot; 5 per cent loan 1945/55 111/11.

Banks: Central £4/8 small lot; Imperial conty 358; Reserve 107

Cawnpore Textiles 5/12; New Victoria ord 1/7.

Coals: Bengal 362; Bhalgora 5/6; Dhemo Main 16/2; Ghusick and Muslia 3/10; Hurriladih 12/14; Pench Valley 32/6; Samla 2/3.

Jutes: Anglo India 388; Bally 237; Birla Pref 120/4; Budge Budge 362; Barnagore 129; Ganges 336; Howrah 54/12; Kinnison 638/8; Naihati ord 340; small lots; do pref 153; Orient 210/8; Presidency 5/4; Reliance 157; Waverey pref 34/8;

Miscellaneous: Burma Corpn 6/8; c div; Consolidated Tin 4/4; Indian Copper 2/8; Bengal Telephone ord 16/12; Cuttack Elec 8/12; Burn and Co ord 332; Hukumchand Steel 7/5; do defd 1/15; Indian Iron 35/2; Kumardhubi Eng 4/10; Steel Corpn ord 18/3; do pref 102; B I Corpn ord 4/6; Dunlop Rubber ord 26/8; Indian Rubber Manfg 24/12 small lots; Rohtas Industries ord 19/4; B B Petrol 4/15; India Paper Pulp 131/8; ex div; Mysore Paper 13; Titaghur Paper A and B ord 28/11; Midnapore Zemindary 76; India General Navgn ord 95; Carew and Co 10/14; Raza Sugar 15/8

Debentures: 3 1/4 per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge 97/4 small odd lots; 6 per cent 1926/42 Dhunseri Tea 97.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

No Appreciable Change

MADRAS, Feb 23

In spite of reports of improved conditions in other markets no appreciable change was seen locally. The market opened steady but closed with a dull undertone. Planting shares came in for a few enquiries at lower levels. Cotton mills were easier and among Sugar shares Mysore Sugars were easier. Other miscelaneous issues remained unchanged.

Exchange transactions: Indian Bank 22/14, Radhakrishnas 115, 116; Lakshmis 41; Buckinghams 205; Periakaramalai 17/7; Be Be 2/14; Thamarapally 5/12; Kalpettas 16/8; Cochin Malabars 6/8; C. D. Oudtherlony Debs 101; Trichy Srirangams 15/8; South Arcot 82; South India Sugars 7/8; Jeypore Sugars 6/8 small lot; Travancore Sugars 12/8; Mysore Sugars 41/8; Andhra Cement Prefs 72; Mysore Chemicals 11/2; Indian Steel Rollings 6/13/6.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED
Bombay, Feb 23

N Y Kaisha's Japanese ss Okitu Maru of 3966 reg tons, Captain K Kurata arrived from Yokohama with general cargo.

Norwegian ss Marly of 656 reg tons, Captain J L Johansen arrived from Karachi with general cargo.

LOADING

The following vessels booked for loading on 23-2-40.

Norwegian ss Tennesse.

IMPORTS

1218 bales strawboards; 40 cases bobbins; 30 drums sodium sulphide; 123 cases silk goods; 334 bags sulphur powder; 136 cases silk piecegoods; 51 cases silk and rayon mixed piecegoods; 40 cases spun silk yarn; 1124 bales raw silk; 1175 cts galvd steel plain sheet; 45 cases woollen yarn; 3395 bales betelnuts; 325 bundles cotton baling hoops; 107 cases art silk piecegoods; 336 cases refined camphor; 53 cases art silk mixed pcegoods; 96 cases rayon goods; 79 cases rubber mats; 1273 cases rayon pcegoods; 228 cases confectionery; 126 cases sheet glass; 41 cases celluloid sheets; 700 cases fire crackers; 250 cases cnd boiled mackerel; 268 cases window glass; 41 cases umbrella ware; 55 pcs old brass pipes; 214 drums caustic soda; 150 cases slates; 37 cases toys; 75 cases brass wire; 432 coils galvd iron wire; 100 casks zinc oxide; 253 drums sulphur black; 179 bales auto tyre; 96 cases clocks; 358 coils transmission conductor; 120 cases brass wire; 680 drums bleaching powder; 144 cases batteries; 60 drums bichromate of potash; 50 cases potassium bromide; 551 cases glassware; 367 bales staple fibre yarn; 104 cases silk and staple fibre mixed yarn; 480 cases art silk yarn; 549 cases glass bangles; 50 art silk piecegoods; 56 cases rayon and ctn mixed pcegoods; 1421 cases cotton yarn; 933 cases cotton pcegoods; 744 bags empty glass bottles; 969 cases rayon yarn; 1662 cts tiles; 135 bags damar batu; 324 cases porcelainware; 123 cases dyestuffs; 75 cases ctn and art silk mixed pcegoods; 50 boxes tin boxes; 100 cases beer; 2210 kegs paint; 83 bales cotton fents; 106 cases prid ctn jeans; 85 cases bicycle fittings; 95 cases chestwoods; 90 cases elect bulbs; 54 cases German silver circles; 360 brls red lead; 48 cases playing cards; 200 cases iron panel pins; 40 cases rubber rings; 140 bales brass strips; 53 cases plummer blocks; 38 cases printed matter; 63 cases paper boards; 47 cases weaving machy and aces; 40 cases paper; 33 cases gelatine paper; 30 cases enamelledware.

EXPORTS

35 bales d/s goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 9 bales cotton prints D Abraham and Sons; 109 cases bristles D Abraham and Sons; 128 cases bristles B Phillips and Hayley Ltd; 40 bales cotton fly Sapt T Products (India) Ltd; 30 bales grey ctn yarn T M Kaisha Ltd; 200 bales cotton twist waste L O Vora; 275 bales cotton waste L O Vora; 250 bales old jute rags M Chandulal and Co; 1100 bales cotton waste M Chandulal and Co; 2740 bags castorseed The Cotton Agents Ltd; 98 tons scrap iron Faiz and Co; 14 cases sandalwood oil Thos Cook and Son Ltd; 27 cases chrome leather tanned D Abraham and Sons; 515 bales cotton waste G M Vyas and Co; 77 bales cotton twist waste G M Vyas and Co; 7 cases sandalwood oil S Nowroji and Co; 35 bags black pepper B Ratanshi; 25 bales grey sheetings M Veiji and Sons; 49 bales grey cotton yarn E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 7000 bags castorseed K Devchand and Co Ltd; 19 bundles akin raw R Aminoff; 8199 bags gr nut oil cake meal The Swastik Oil Mills Ltd; 50 bales cotton grey yarn Advani Bros; 100 bales raw cotton The Universal Ctn Trading Co; 340 bales raw cotton Suleman and Co Ltd; 554 bales raw cotton Ramnarain Sons Ltd; 2600 bales raw cotton G K Kaisha; 300 bales raw cotton M Amersey and Co; 36 bales cotton fly V A Save and Co; 200 bales cotton twist waste V A Save and Co; 195 bags fleaseed Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 10 bales ctn pcegoods K Virji and Co; 8 bales ctn cold yarn K Virji and Co; 200 bags gum E Mavji and Co; 205 bags gum N Muljee and Co; 10 cases bristles Clerk and Smith (India) Ltd; 875 bales raw cotton K Devchand and Co Ltd; 750 raw cotton N Rajaram and Co; 3700 bales bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 325 bales raw cotton Japan Ctn Trading Co Ltd; 3300 bales raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton C Jairam and Co; 200 bales raw cotton G M Vyas and Co; 200 bales raw cotton Pehlavi Cotton Co.

PLAZA
Time
as usual
THE ONLY WAY
A SAGAR Production
See it to-day again!

7th & LAST WEEK OF SARASWATI'S laugh-riot
"MY BELOVED"
For hearty laughs see it at
MAJESTIC
To-day & To-morrow: 1-30, 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
Zenana show Wed. at 1 p. m.

DESPERATE SOVIET DRIVE

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Line, according to a Helsinki dispatch.

Finnish aircraft have been intensely active over Russian lines, seriously interfering with communications and supplies.

FINNS HOLD UP ADVANCE

STOCKHOLM: The Soviet troops are still held by the Finns, though they are now only about fourteen miles from Viipuri at their nearest point.

At last the thaw has set in. This may prove of decisive help to the Finns. Russians apparently have not come into proper contact with the Finnish Second Line of Defence in Mannerheim Line.

"Dagens Nyheter" says 30 women doctors, about 500 officers and Political Commissars are among the 1,000 Russians surrounded by the Finns at Syskyjaervi, north of Lake Ladoga. Finns are gradually cleaning up this isolated force.

Supply of fighting aircraft to the Finns is now enabling the Air Force to take the offensive and not merely remain on the defensive. This means that the Finns are now engaging the Russian fighters and are not confined to shooting down bombers. Eleven of the seventeen Russian 'planes shot down on Tuesday were for example fighters.

REDS OCCUPY 15 FORTS AND 21 DEFENSIVE POSITIONS

MOSCOW, Feb. 22.

A communique issued by the Headquarters of the Leningrad Military area states that on February 22 there was nothing of importance at the front.

On the Karelian Isthmus the Soviet troops after repulsing the enemy occupied 21 defensive positions including 15 iron and concrete artillery forts.

In view of a snow storm, aviation activities were restricted to reconnaissance flights only.—Reuter.

RED CLAIMS EXPOSED

LONDON, Feb. 23.

General Badoux, the Belgian soldier responsible for the design of the Mannerheim Line, is leaving Brussels for Finland shortly, according to the Paris radio.

General Badoux is reported to have said in an interview that the capture of Viipuri by the Russians would have little importance, and added "Even if Marshal Mannerheim were to abandon the positions between Muolajaervi and Taipale he would still be in an excellent strategic position."

Referring to the Soviet claim to have captured 176 forts in the Mannerheim Line, General Badoux concluded, "I find this statement very remarkable, because I built only 100 forts.—Reuter.

FRANCE TO OBSERVE "FINLAND DAY"

PARIS, February 23.

A statement on France's help for Finland was made in the Chamber this afternoon by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, M. Champetier de Ribes.

He said, "France continues to give effective help to Finland". He added, Government would willingly support the idea of a nation-wide "Help for Finland Day", and a resolution to this effect was voted unanimously by the Chamber.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL CIRCLES SILENT

MOSCOW, Feb. 23.

Official circles refuse to confirm or deny a Stockholm report that M. Kuznetzov, the Russian Navy Commissar has flown to Murmansk in connection with Naval activiies in the Arctic Ocean.—Reuter.

Maltese Recruits For R.A.F.

MALTA, Feb. 23.

Since recruiting for the Royal Air Force opened there has been a steady stream of applicants.

The applicants in the first three days totalled over 500. The Air Force is open to the Maltese under the same conditions as those for British airmen.—Reuter.

AMENDMENT OF SAVINGS BANK RULES

A Finance Department (Communications Branch) Notification dated the 20th January 1940 says that Savings Bank accounts with a balance of less than Rs. 2 (rupees two only) on the 1st August 1940 will be considered as automatically closed and no further interest will be allowed on them. Any depositor who has less than Rs. 2 to the credit of his account should, if he wishes to keep it open, deposit before the 1st August 1940, a sum sufficient to raise the balance to at least Rs. 2.

Sardar On Pitfalls On Path Of Struggle

MALIKANDA, Feb. 23.

The present political situation in the country, as has developed since the outbreak of war, beginning with Gandhiji's offer of unconditional moral support to Britain, the Congress Working Committee's statement giving conditional support and demanding clarification of Britain's war aims and negotiations with the Viceroy upto Lord Zetland's latest pronouncement, was explained by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who addressed this morning the members of the Gandhi Seva Sangh and the guests who have come in connection with the Sangh Conference.

Sardar Patel said that the Working Committee had chosen Gandhiji as their General and the responsibility of conducting the country's fight rested with him. Congressmen and Members of the Working Committee were like soldiers who were to fight as and when order was given by the General.

Sardar Patel referred to the weaknesses and difficulties such as internal dissensions, communal differences and States problems which stood in the way of launching a successful struggle.

Referring to internal dissensions and hostile demonstrations, Sardar Patel said that it did not require many men to disrupt or break an organisation, but it required many men to carry on a successful satyagraha. Nobody knew when Gandhiji would withdraw the struggle even after it was launched, if he found that conditions and materials of quality were not there.

He referred to the Chauri Chaura incident which made Gandhiji abruptly to call off the struggle in 1922.

Sardar Patel appealed for perfect preparation so that the struggle once launched might be carried on to a successful issue and not given up in the middle.—United Press.

MAHATMA'S PROGRAMME

MALIKANDA, Feb. 23.

There has been a slight change in the programme of Mahatma Gandhi who will now leave for Calcutta on February 25 by the Dacca Mail. He will leave for Patna on February 26. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will accompany Mahatma Gandhi.

Mahatma Gandhi was busy today giving interviews to workers who have come here from outside Bengal.

Mahatma Gandhi will grant interviews to a selected number of constructive workers of Bengal to-morrow morning. He will grant interviews to the male volunteers in the afternoon. Thereafter he will grant special interviews.—United Press.

U. P. GOVT.'s GRANT TO NEWSPAPER MUSEUM

Vidya Mandal Trustee's Gratitude; New Office-Bearers Elected

(From Our Correspondent.)
ALLAHABAD, Feb. 22.

Resolutions expressing gratitude to the Governor, U.P., Mr. Sampurnanand Ex-Minister for Education, U.P., and Dr. Panna Lall, Adviser to the Governor, U.P. for sanctioning a grant to the Newspaper Museum of Allahabad were passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Vidya Mandal which controls the Newspaper Museum.

The grant was sanctioned by Mr. Sampurnanand when he was Minister and was received after the resignation of the Congress Ministry. The Vidya Mandal has decided to publish a "Newspaper Guide" giving descriptions of the periodicals of India, Burma and Ceylon.

Office-Bearers Elected.

The following persons have been elected members and office-bearers of the Board of Trustees of the Vidya Mandal for the year 1940:—Sir Vijaya Anand, M.L.A., Vizianagram, Pandit Prakash Narayan Sapru (President), Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan, Rai Ram Charan Agrawal (Vice-President), Babu Vishwanath Prasad, General Manager of the 'Leader' (Vice-President), Rai Govind Chandra, M.L.A. (President of the Newspaper Museum), Professor Braj Raj (President of the Executive Committee), Mr. Ranendra Nath Basu, Chairman of the Allahabad Municipal Board, Pandit Mahipat Ram Nagar, News-Editor of the "Leader," Dr. Bisheshwar Prasad, Pandit Dinesh Dutta Jha, Dr. Moti Lal Kakkar, Mr. Janki Prasad, Advocate, and others.

SWEEPING VICTORY TO UNITED PARTY IN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA ELECTIONS

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The general election for the Legislative Assembly of South-West Africa resulted in sweeping victory for the United Party which secured 10 out of the 12 elected seats.

The election was a straight fight between the New Nationalist Party and the United Party with the exception of a couple of independent candidates. In the previous election the United Party secured eight seats.—Reuter.

IN DOMBIVLI PANCHAYAT

Workers Get 25% War Allowance After Strenuous Efforts

The triennial elections of the Village Panchayats in the Thana District were held in November last in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1933.

The illegality of holding the elections according to the old Act when the New One, as amended by the Congress Government, was gazetted to be in force, was brought to the notice of the Collector, Thana, who, notwithstanding held the elections as a consequence of which the Commissioner, N. D. declared all these elections illegal and consequently a death-blow was hurled at the then functioning Panchayat Committee in the District.

The Panchayats thus came to be taken over by the Collector depriving the residents of their natural right of self-government. A dreadful ghost of local self-government has been visible in the district since then. The irresponsible Collector governs the district. None knows how long this state of affairs will go on.

After the Collector took charge of the Panchayat Committees, the scavengers of Dombivli Panchayat hard-hit by the enormous rise in the cost of living, applied to the Collector for a rise in their scanty emoluments without any effect. Before resolving to strike work, however, the scavengers approached Mr. M. K. Pradhan, M.A., President of the Dombivli Congress Committee, who promptly represented on behalf of Dombivli Congress Committee, their grievances to the Collector, Thana, the Commissioner N. D. and the Secretary, General Department, Government of Bombay.

As a result wisdom dawned on the authorities and it is gratifying that the Collector ordered forthwith 25 per cent Dearness Allowance to all the scavengers with retrospective effect from October 1939.

Bombay Public have acclaimed this thrilling entertainment
PRAKASH PICTURES'
Ek-He-Bhool
Sensational Social of the Transmission of the Soul from one body to another
Featuring
JAIRAJ, MEHTAB, AMIR KARNATAKI
4-30, 7, 9-45 p.m. Sat., Sun., 1-45 p.m.
SUPER TALKIES Charni Rd. Tram Jn.

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 1, 1996
Muslim: Moharram 15, 1359
Parsi: Sherever 22, 1309
Hightide: 0-24 12-38
Lowtide: 6-36 18-39
Sunrise: 7h. 2m
Sunset: 6h. 43m.

Bombay Races: Byculla Club Cup Day. Race starts at 2 p.m. H. E. the Governor and Lady Lumley arrive in State.

Penal Law Reforms Conference to be inaugurated by Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, University Convocation Hall.

Bombay Presidency Red Cross Appeal Fund: Ladies' Committee, Government House, 10 a.m.

SUNDAY, February 25

All-India Penal Reforms Conference, University Convocation Hall, 10-30 a.m.

MONDAY, February 26

Municipal Corporation, 3-40 p.m

KHAR TALUKA CONGRESS

A meeting of the Executive Body will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. in the Laxminagar Hall.

FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL

The annual school sports of the school will be held to-day (Saturday) from 4 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. at the Gowalia Tank Maidan.

INDIAN PROGRESSIVE GROUP

Sir Maurice Gwyer, Lord Chief Justice of India, will be the guest and speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Progressive Group, arranged at the Taj Mahal Hotel to-morrow (Sunday) at 1-15 p.m. (S.T.).

Mr. K. M. Munshi, Ex-Minister of Bombay will preside and introduce the speaker.

Members and their guests will please take their tickets from the Taj.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"Lady of the Tropics". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Pack Up Your Troubles". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Fast and Furious". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Return of Dr. X". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Eternally Yours". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Ek-He-Bhool". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
PATHE—"Mud". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"The Will." Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani-ki-Reet". Daily at 4-15, 7-15 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Manoos" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 12-45 p.m.
DIAMOND—"The Great Adventures of Wild Bill Hickok". Daily at 4-30, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
PLAZA—"The Only Way". Time as usual.
KOHINOOR—"Sant Tulsidas". Time as usual.

MAHABARATA DISCOURSES IN TAMIL

A series of discourses in Tamil on "Mahabarata" is given by Vidwans B. Sahadeva Barathi and B. Selvamuthu Barathi of Thaiyar, Kanjivaram under the auspices of Bhajana Samaj, Matunga every night from 8-30 p.m. to 10-30 p.m. The discourses will continue upto 3rd March.

WORLI YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

The annual social gathering of the Association which was proposed to be held today (Saturday) at Jamboree Maidan under the presidency of Dr. M. D. Gilder, has been postponed to Sunday.

BOMBAY SEVA DAL

The G. O. C. of the Bombay Seva Dal writes:—

All the volunteers of the Bombay Seva Dal are hereby informed to be present at the Congress House to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House in their uniforms for parade and to attend the monthly flag salutation ceremony to be held under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee.

Daily at 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.

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NOW a magic love team makes romantic history! Exotic Hedy Lamarr gives her lips to handsome Bob Taylor!!!

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LADY OF THE TROPICS
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PENAL LAW REFORMS CONFERENCE

Sir Maurice Gwyer To Inaugurate To-day

The All-India Penal Reforms Conference, which will be held at the University Convocation Hall, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday). The Chief Justice of Bombay, Sir John Beaumont, will on behalf of the Reception Committee, welcome the delegates, while the Hon. Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, will deliver the inaugural address. Mr. K. M. Munshi, former Home Minister of Bombay, will deliver the presidential address.

Wiles Postpones Gujarat Tour

Sir Gilbert Wiles, Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, has postponed his tour of Gujarat, which was to have begun on February 25.

FREE REVISION LECTURES FOR MATRICULATION CANDIDATES

For the benefit of Matriculation students, the Bombay Students' Brotherhood and the Muslim Students' Union have arranged a series of free revision lectures as per programme given below. We have selected teachers of repute from different schools to make a rapid survey of the whole course. They will deal with all the important aspects of the subject.

As there is accommodation for 100 students only, those with admit cards alone will be admitted. Admit cards will be issued to students between 6 and 7 p.m. from Thursday, the 22nd at the office of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood at first floor, 38, Harvey Road, Chowpatty.

PARSI HELPING ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the members of the Managing Committee and sympathisers of the Parsi Helping Association will be held today (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.), when rules and regulations that are framed will be adopted and a new Managing Committee for the triennium will be formed, in the Bulsara Tuition Class Hall, Sidhwa Building, Princess Street.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN EXTENSION LECTURE

Shri Bachubhai Shukla will deliver a lecture on "Premanand" (in Gujarati) at 4 p.m. to-day (Saturday) in the Lecture Hall of the University Buildings (Ground Floor, South Wing).

SALARIED EMPLOYEES' MEETING

A public meeting will be held, at Chowpatty opposite the Wilson College where the Union's Flag will be unfurled, to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. under the auspices of the Bombay Salaried Employees' Conference to consider various problems concerning the welfare of the clerical population in the city and suburbs, especially 1. The forthcoming Conference of the Salaried Employees. 2. War allowance and 3 Service condition.

LATE M. K. PATIL

A condolence meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. (S.T.) at Shri Samarth Vyayam Mandir, (Gokhale Road, North) under the presidentship of Mr. N. V. Modak on the demise of late Mr. M. K. Patil.

B. P. C. C.'S URGENT MEETING

An urgent meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

FREE HINDI CLASSES

Free Hindi Classes are held at the following places on Sunday morning between 8 and 10 a.m. (1) A. E. S. Girls' High School, opposite Ambewadi Post Office, Girgaon. (2) Maratha High School, Opera House, Girgaon. (3) Fellowship High School, Gowalia Tank, Bombay. Detailed information can be had in the office of Bombay Hindi Vidyapeeth, 1st Floor, Marwadi Vidyalaya Bhawan, (Side entrance), Sandhurst Road, Bombay.

MAHILA SEVA MANDAL

At the request of the students of the Mahila Seva Mandal Industrial Schools for Women, a variety entertainment programme will be given to-day (Saturday) at 4-30 p.m. Admission on payment of two annas only. Tickets can be had at all the branches of the Mahila Seva Mandal from 2 p.m.

TARUN SAHITYA MANDAL

Under the auspices of the above Mandal an elocution competition in Gujarati will be held at 9 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday) at Gazdar Hall, Andheri. Students of the various Suburban Schools will participate. Sjt. Vishwanath M. Bhatt will preside.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

Miss R. Hill arrived at Government House.

The Governor of Bombay accompanied by Lady Lumley presided at the annual prize distribution of the Cathedral Schools at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall and Lady Lumley gave away the prizes.

SALUTATION AND MEETING AT DADAR ROAD

Under the auspices of the 'F' Ward District Congress Committee the monthly national flag salutation will be celebrated tomorrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at the open maidan behind Gwaliarwala Building, Dadar Road, when Sri. Dharmanand Kosambi will unfurl the flag. After the flag salutation there will be a public meeting at the same place when Messrs. J. C. Maitra, G. Mapara, L. S. Nagarkar, P. G. Sawant, and T. T. Suryavanshi will speak on "The Constituent Assembly its Constitution and Functions."

CONTROL OF ENEMY TRADING

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (1) of rule 101 of the Defence of India Rules, the Central Government has ordered that the Controller of Enemy Trading in India, Bombay, shall supervise the business of the firm known as Paper Company Van Reekum (Bombay), Limited, Bombay, in order to secure compliance with the provisions of Part XV of the said Rules.

Dr. K. R. Masani addressed the Rotarians on Tuesday on 'Psychiatry in Action.'

FLAG-SALUTATION AT CONGRESS HOUSE

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, the monthly flag salutation ceremony will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

Monthly Flag Salutation In 'B' Ward

Under the auspices of 'B' Ward District Congress Committee, there will be a monthly flag salutation in 'B' Ward at near the office of the Committee (299, Narsi Natha Street, Kharak Bazar) to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.).

Sjt. Salebhoy Abdul Kader, the president of the Mandvi District Congress Committee, will hoist the flag.

IN 'G' WARD

Monthly flag salutation will be performed in 'G' Ward to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. at Shiwaji Park Maidan. Sjt. J. R. Shastri, the President of the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee will unfurl the flag.

FLAG SALUTATION AT SANTA CRUZ

Under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Congress Committee, the monthly flag salutation ceremony will be performed to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S.T.) at Bajaj Wadi, Station Road, Santa Cruz.

LEAGUE OF RADICAL CONGRESSMEN

The general body of the League of Radical Congressmen will meet to-morrow (Sunday) at 8-30 a.m. at the office of the League.

Bombay Grain Merchants' Protest

The following telegram was sent to the Secretary, Communications Department, Government of India protesting against proposed enhancement in rates for passengers and goods traffic.

"The Committee of the Grain Merchants' Association are greatly perturbed at Government's decision enhancing rates for passengers and goods traffic. At this juncture, the proposal of 12 1/2 per cent enhancement in freights would, they consider, be a great blow to trade, agriculture and industries which are already heavily burdened. The proposed increase in freights and fares is, Committee believe, uncalled for and unjustifiable in view of the fact that Railway Budget could have shown surplus without resorting to this step. The Committee strongly object to and protest against the proposed enhancement and earnestly urge Government to reconsider the decision in the interest of trade, agriculture and industries of the country."

BAND AT ESPLANADE BANDSTAND

The Bombay Ex. Service Town Band (Indian Army), will play a programme of music at the Esplanade Bandstand, Fort, Bombay to-day (Saturday) commencing from 5-45 p.m. to 7-45 p.m. (S.T.).

MORNING SHOW AT THE CAPITOL ON SUNDAY

There will be a morning show at the Capitol to-morrow (Sunday) at 10-30 a.m. when the picture "Our Relations" featuring Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy will be screened.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT

That "Co-education is badly necessary in India" will be the subject of a public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m.

HAJEE SABOO SIDICK MOSQUE AND MADRESSA TRUST

Maulvi Mahomed Bux Muslim B.A., will deliver a lecture at the Haji Saboo Sidick Masjid, DeLisle Road, Lower Parel, to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.).

LECTURE ON VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY

Swami Sambuddhanananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will deliver a public lecture on Vedanta Philosophy at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort, to-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.).

GITA CLASS

Swami Sambuddhanananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will conduct the weekly class on Bhagawat Geeta at the Mission Library Hall, Khar Road, on Sunday, the 25th instant at 9 a.m.

CLASS ON JNANESHWARI

Swami Gunateetanand of Ramakrishna Mission, will give discourse on Jnaneshwari to-morrow (Sunday) at 5 p.m. at Ramakrishna Library Hall, Khar Road.

INDIAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

A meeting will be held at the Royal Institute of Science, Bombay, to-day (Saturday) at 5 p.m. when Prof. D. B. Limaye of the Ranade Institute, Poona, will read a paper on "B-Aryl Glutaconic Acids."

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS

The health returns of Bombay during the 7th week of 1940, i.e. the week ended 17th February 1940 were as under:—

The total mortality 604 was 106 more than in the last week and the death rate registered was 27.0 on the Census population of 1931 as against 572 for the 7th week of 1939 and the total death rate 25.6. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 625 and the death-rate 28.0.

PARTY TO KHWAJA HASAN NIZAMI

Mr. Dawood Hajee Nassur gave a tea party in honour of Hazrat Khwaja Hasan Nizami and Maulana Syed Mohammad, at Baitul Shad, Mahim, Bombay, on Thursday. Among those present were the Consul-General for Iraq, the Consuls for Iran, Egypt, Rumania and Afghanistan, the Vice-Consul for China, the Secretary of the Royal Consulate for Egypt, Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy and Mr. M. M. Ispahani.

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC MEETING

In Memory Of Miss Serene Manockjee Cursetjee

A public meeting of the citizens is called by the Sheriff of Bombay to honour the memory of the late Miss Serene Manockjee Cursetjee and to place on record her valuable services of three-quarters of a century. It will take place at Town Hall on Tuesday, the 27th instant at 6 p.m. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will preside.

The following resolution will be moved:—"This meeting of the Citizens of Bombay places on record its sense of loss sustained by the City and the Province in the death of Miss Serene Manockjee Cursetjee, one of the earliest and most intrepid pioneers in the cause of female education and social reform; it expresses its warm appreciation of her remarkable services for the emancipation of Indian Womanhood and for the intellectual and social advancement of the people through three-quarters of a century. The late Miss Cursetjee identified herself closely with the Alexandra Girls' English Institution founded by her illustrious father Manockjee Cursetjee.

The National Indian Association, the Work Guild, the Princess Mary Gymkhana and the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute were alike indebted to her for valued assistance. She was one of the founders of the Stree Zarthosti Mandal and its President till the hour of her death. These institutions are memorials of her devoted service in the cause of progress in various directions.

In all her manifold activities, the vigour of her intellect and strength of character were impressive. She was above communal bias and won the regard and esteem of men and women of all communities by her sincerity and selflessness."

Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar, Mrs. Francis Low, Mr. H. B. Tyabji, Mrs. Bapsy Sabavalla and Dastur Framroze A. Bode will speak on the resolution.

In Aid Of Red Shirts

In aid of Red Shirts' Organization of Bombay, there will be a special show of New Theatres' "Bari Didi" and the Tripuri Congress film at 9-30 a.m. on Sunday, the 25th instant at the New West End Cinema, Lamington Road. The film depicting the historic demonstration on August 1, 1939 on the inauguration of Prohibition in Bombay will also be shown for the first time.

Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the B. P. C. C. will preside.

Tickets can be obtained at the offices of "Hilal", "Inquilab" and "Ajmal".

In Aid Of National Guards

There will be a variety entertainment at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. in aid of the Bombay National Guards. The programme includes musical and dance items.

YOUTH OF 13 CONVICTED

Under Defence Of India Ordinance For Reciting Poem

LAHORE, Feb. 22.

Mohammad Zamir Khan, a 13 year-old Ahrar worker and student of a school in Saharanpur district, was convicted yesterday under the Defence of India Ordinance by the Additional District Magistrate, Lahore and was ordered to furnish a security of Rs. 500 to be of good behaviour for six months, in default to undergo imprisonment for the same period.

He was prosecuted for reciting an objectionable poem regarding recruitment at a public meeting held outside Delhi Gate under the auspices of the 'Forward Bloc' on the occasion of Independence Day on January, 26 last.—United Press.

Memorial To Late Mr. K. H. Vakil

Mr. S. Venkat Raman, Hon. Secretary, Kalamketan, Bombay, writes:—

Please permit me to invite the pointed attention of the culturally interested public in general and the lovers of art in particular to the small letter contributed recently to your esteemed columns by Mr. J. M. Ahivasi regarding the proposed memorial to the late lamented Mr. K. H. Vakil.

In these days of divided aims, sickening speed, getting and spending by which we lay waste our powers, people woefully forget their cardinal duty to their eminent fellowmen who have joined the great majority.

It is regrettable that few people recall the distinguished services of the late Mr. Vakil who was the guiding spirit and inspiring genius of all cultural and art movements in Western India. Human memory is deplorably short and let us not lay ourselves open to the charge of "interning the good with the bones." It is time enough that the public of Bombay, whom Mr. K. H. Vakil had laid under a deep debt of gratitude by his unceasing labours in the cause of art, awaken their sense of duty to the departed soul and bend their energies towards raising an outstanding memorial at no distant date.

"INDEPENDENCE DAY" ECHO

Cuttack College Students Go On Strike For Victimisation Of Colleagues

CUTTACK, Feb. 23.

The students of the Ravenshaw College went on strike to-day sympathising with two examinees who were punished by the authorities for addressing a political meeting in the college compound on January, 26 last.

According to the Principal's version, there was fair attendance in the morning's law classes. Very few attended other classes in the afternoon, according to the version of the students.

The students, it is understood, are contemplating to boycott the University Examination to be held on February 26, for which 377 students are to appear.

The Principal has issued a notice drawing the attention of the students to the rule in the Education Code relating to concerted absence, and warns that action would be taken in such circumstances.

Further developments are keenly awaited.—United Press.

Heavenly Observation

BY PADAM S. M. GODREJ.

After many years, in this 1940 A.D., (from 21st to 28th February) there will be unique chance of observing with the naked eye, on the same evening, all those seven heavenly objects after which the week days are denominated, and to simultaneously to have a view of Uranus and Neptune through an ordinary binocular; also splendid opportunity will be presented of viewing mercury as gibbons, through a good telescope on Wednesday, 28th instant.

FOUND

A fountain pen bearing the name "D. V. More," has been found on the V. T. Station Yard. The owner may claim the same at the office of the South Indian Volunteer Corps, No. 6, Mohan Mansion, Telang Road, Matunga, G. I. P. at any time between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Found—One third class season ticket of G. I. P. Railway, between V. T. and Dockyard Road. The owner may take delivery from Mani C/o Messrs. J. B. Advani and Co. Ltd., Kerawala Mansion, Mangaldas Road, Bombay 2.

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ACCEPT ARBITRATION

The textile labour situation in the country is still far from satisfactory dispite all the attempts to retrieve it. General strikes are threatened in Ahmedabad, Bombay and Nagpur. And if one commences in any one place, there is no knowing how far it may spread. In Ahmedabad there is now this ground for hope that after a long period of suspense the millowners have agreed to refer "the whole dispute" to arbitration. The workers have accepted the offer, though they feel that after the examination and report by the special conciliation officer it would sorely tax their patience if the whole ground were to be covered once again. The millowners, too, are said to have their own reservations about the terms of reference to arbitration. Thus a hitch seems to have arisen with regard to these terms, and past experience has shown that even small details have led to a breakdown of negotiations.

Speaking In Two Voices

The exact position at present seems to be that the workers have definitely agreed to refer the whole question to arbitration, though they would have much preferred to refer only such points as were left unsettled by the special Conciliation Officer; but the millowners are said to be insistent that the workers should, before referring the question to arbitration, accept the principle of the capacity of the industry to pay any dearness allowance. Now, if the millowners and the workers agree on the precise points of reference, everyone will welcome this partial settlement. But whether this becomes possible or not, it is obvious and fair that, once both sides agree to the procedure of arbitration, they should refer to it all unsettled points. It will be for the Arbitrator to decide such points equitably. In the present case he will have to consider what extra allowance is demanded by the rise in price, whether the industry can bear the whole burden of the allowance, and, if it cannot, how the burden of the deficit should be divided between the millowners and the workers, due regard being paid to the capacity of either side to bear the burden. All these points the Arbitrator will surely consider and decide fairly. For either party to agree first to arbitration and then to raise issues calculated to prevent it is hardly calculated to bring about a settlement it is indeed speaking in two voices, to accept arbitration in one voice and to reject it or make it impossible in another. We trust both sides will promptly agree to refer all unsettled points to arbitration without bothering about points which are likely to prevent the very procedure they have agreed upon.

Situation In Bombay

The situation in Bombay is more uncertain and more unsatisfactory at the present moment. The Conciliation Board's report is not yet published and it is not yet certain whether either side or both will accept the Board's recommendations. All that is certain is that the workers demand at least a 15 per cent rise in wages with effect from September last, while the millowners are not prepared to pay more than a 10 per cent rise with effect from January. The Board has already submitted to Government its report, which is expected to be published in a day or two. If the rumour turns out to be true that the majority of the Board recommends only a 10 per cent rise, there seems to be no chance whatever of the workers accepting it. If on any ground the two parties do not accept the Board's recommendation or otherwise come to a settlement, they should at least agree to refer the whole dispute to arbitration. A general strike, which may be prolonged, will be a calamity to all concerned, and every possible effort must be made to avert it.

Moscow Tactics

Reuter's messages reporting departure of the Soviet Naval Commissar for Murmansk in connexion with the situation created by the presence of the British naval units near Patsamo and the large scale manoeuvres of the Red Navy in the Black Sea can be considered only as possessing significance of a bunch of 'ballons d' essai.' In the light of the authoritative declarations made from time to time by Anglo-French spokesmen, it is difficult to envisage a situation that Moscow anticipates. For some time past Moscow, following the technique employed by the Nazis with such phenomenal propaganda success, has intensified the cries of 'encirclement' and contemplated attacks by the European imperialist Powers warning and certainty of which have been publicised to work up the faithful, both native and foreign, into proper enthusiasm for the noble cause of defence of the U. R. S. S. Whatever significance may be attached to the presence of the British naval units in the Arctic —and the effect of diversion it creates can readily be conceded—the fact remains that the Allies would do nothing that could be construed as an act of provocation likely to disturb the existing relations.

The Soviet aggression against Finland has been condemned by the League of nations representing a number of great and small neutral nations and the Allies have declared their determination to help the victim of this unjustifiable act of aggression with such help as it is possible to send consistently with their own war-requirements. Finland is receiving 'planes, munitions, equipment and useful war material generally from all quarters. The American Committee of which Mr. Hoover is the head and in the work of which perhaps the most powerful labour organisation is collaborating by placing Soviet-Russia on the black-list of boycott and the U. S. themselves are extending the most valuable support of non-military character but of the highest value—financial help and credits that can insure the feeble Finnish economy against the Nazi-Soviet combined stranglehold. This open sympathy and help which the rest of Scandinavia and the sister-Baltic States themselves are not in a position, as a result of Nazi-Soviet blackmail to send to the Finns does not constitute an act of declaration of belligerency.

As regards the Red Navy's exercises in the Black Sea, Bulgaria and particularly Turkey hold the key to the situation that may be created if the Soviet pressure descended South—a possibility inconceivable at a time when the Finnish operations remain so unsatisfactory, if not disastrous. Even on the hypothesis of greater Nazi-Soviet collaboration, Soviet economy, which can bear the strain of a moderate-sized war up to a certain point, must break down apart from the military problem that is presented. Soviet-Russia can be said to possess considerable military strength and strategic advantages from the viewpoint of defence. Russian topography and history which have not changed with the country going Marxist easily prove it, Russia is not likely to be attacked except by a victorious Nazi Germany. In fact, no such attack is possible under the existing conditions. Nor can Moscow be imagined, after the shock it has received in the shattering of prestige of the Red Army to risk a gamble with her untried, if equally well advertised, navy,

OUR EUROPEAN LETTER

What Will Hitler Do Now?

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, (By Air Mail).

The winter—and it has been a particularly severe winter for Europe—is nearing its end. And the war has just moved on to its sixth month. These circumstances lead concerned circles to certain close reflections about prospects ahead.

The war on the land at the Western Front has remained so far greatly in a state of stage. A much reckoned German air offensive did not mature. Whatever be the reasons for this, humanitarian considerations on the part of Nazi leaders, few incline to accept as having exercised a determining influence on an offensive of the nature staying out. Both Nazi philosophy and practice, the latter well evidenced in relation to Poland, speak and speak eloquently against such considerations causing a restraint. In many ways the war in the last six months has been most active on the sea. And here the balance has gone decidedly against Germany, most clearly expressed by the check hurled and retained against German foreign trade. Germany's oversea trade has fallen to a tiny fraction of its former self and the German commercial fleet has virtually disappeared from the high seas The war since the destruction of Poland has certainly not gone satisfactorily to Germany in basic ways.

The end of the winter, there are reckonings in many capitals, might well mark the opening of new moves and sharp turns. In reckonings of the character and extension of economic rigour in Germany and realisation by Nazi leaders of Germany getting to position of unfavour in regard to technical and other equipments, are taken as capable of exerting a keen influence on Germany tending to advance to assertive acts. In a leading article this week under the title "Que Va Faire Hitler?"—What Will Hitler Do?—the important Paris daily "Le Temps" recalls that it was in February 1915 that Hindenburg started his great eastern offensive it was in February that the battle of Champagne developed, and it was again in February 1916 that the first attack of Verdun commenced. These historic precedents, writes the paper, lend a realism to calculations of a German Spring offensive.

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It may of course be that Germany decides to stay back from developing a big offensive on the west, concentrating on continuation of a course of extending holds in eastern Europe and also hoping to win some favourable reactions by a "war of nerves" in the west. There is, however, no mistaking of opinion in London and Paris being well alert and alive not to let the "war of nerves" lead to reactions hoped or desired by Germany. Comments in the French press also indicate extension of attention not to let lightly or passively Germany move on to further plans of aggrandizement in detached manner in other parts of Europe. Reaction to or recognition of the latter and also a disappointment that is bound to rise over the "war of nerves" not bringing expected consequences, may serve as additional circumstances to furnish urge to Germany for offensive moves.

If such moves tend to develop, where are they likely to come and what forms are they likely to assume? These issues are treated in the article of the "Le Temps" referred to above. The authoritative organ of French opinion reckons on dashes against the Low Countries (Holland and Belgium), Sweden, and in south-easterly direction with Roumania most effected immediately. The offensive might develop singly, two together, or all at once. However this be, there are reasons to consider that their implications will be extended and wide and not limited as Germany would wish them to be. A move against Holland will not remain isolated. Nor one against Belgium. An attack on Roumania concerns closely Turkey. Beyond it will effect the Middle East. Strong Anglo-French forces are known to be stationed in Syria and regions round about. There is also the possibility of Germany turning to a frontal attack against the Maginot Line. Though least probable, it still would be imprudent to neglect it "a priori", writes "Le Temps".

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While there is no tendency to underrate a strenuousness fitted to be imposed in meeting a trial and task before, the developments of the last five months on the whole have given France a greater confidence to face the future. This is particularly so in association with the issues of economy and supplies, factors which in this war are seen as likely to exercise an enhanced importance. The energetic and imaginative Minister of Armament, M. Raoul Dautry, stated last week that the number of hands in the factories have greatly grown and that in France to-day an army of 1,300,000 is working on the turning out of products of direct value to the conducting of the war. A development of recent date noted in Paris with special satisfaction is the conclusion of a new trade agreement with Spain. Under this agreement, France is assured substantial supplies of categorics of food supplies and also important products of great value to the war industry. Spain is to take from France certain raw products and mainly manufactured goods, principally pharmaceutical products, electrical goods, engines, motor cars and machinery products which before Spain used to receive greatly from Germany. The new Franco-Spanish Agreement is also not without a political importance, especially as it is suited to release France greatly from a care that was thought would be demanded at the Pyrannean frontier. The conclusion of the Franco-Spanish Agreement is viewed as having caused in Berlin much surprise and considerable disappointment.

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Italy at the moment is seen as devoting special or increased attention to the development of her mercantile marine. As a matter of fact, Italy had commenced to give added care to the extension

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America Writes About Us

By D. F. KARAKA

Two outstanding articles that have recently appeared in America are of special interest to this country. The one which appears in the "Esquire" is written by Lawton Mackall and is entitled "Reason Regained." The other appears in "Life" and is written by John and Frances Gunther and is entitled "Nehru of India."

The tone of these two articles is entirely different. The article in "Esquire" is in its own inimitable style in the form of a letter addressed to "Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Esq. Bombay, India, care of Milch Goat." It is an article that discusses the prohibition experiment and how America after "exactly thirteen years, ten months, nineteen days, seventeen hours, thirty-two and one-half minutes" gave it up six years ago.

In this article we get a pen picture of America under prohibition, which is almost blood-curdling. The author sums up the boot-legging of that period when he says: "Ethics were out; you just couldn't be squeemish in this kind of business."

"The liquor itself (meaning boot-legging liquor), except in the poorer districts, was rarely poisonous enough to kill you outright or even blind you. But it was brutal stuff, as rank as the consuming public, with palates becoming less and less critical, could be made to accept. Some of it was mountain or basement moonshine, some was imported Scotch or Canadian stretched three or four times with re-distilled, denatured alcohol, whose deadly elements were never entirely removed. . . Worst of all, not even the drug stores had reliable liquor for medicinal requirements."

"Then the crash of 1929 shook us awake. . . If Prohibition had paid his check when it left, it would have amounted in taxes foregone and outlays for "Enforcement" to around fifteen billion dollars, which isn't exactly hay."

Lawton Mackall goes on to give figures of recovery in trade since the repeal. Employment—one million new jobs. The distilling industry pays 19,700,000 dollars in wages and salaries each year. Breweries 70,000,000 dollars, not counting distributors and salesmen. Plant construction and equipment—Distillers 126,000,000 dollars since Repeal; breweries over 400,000,000 dollars Agriculture—distillers consume 38,134,000 dollars of grain molasses and fruit every year. Barrels and bottles amount to 286,000,000 dollars. There are other stupendous figures for Motor Trucks used, shipping, mart, fuel and power, and distribution. The revenue to the United States since repeal amounts to 4,300,000,000 dollars—"a sum sizable enough to give every man, woman and child in the country approximately 31.50 dollars; or take care of the U. S. Health Service for a period of 161 years, or build 300,000 miles of roads; or maintain the U. S. Army and Navy for four years."

Mackall ends up by saying: "in short, we Americans are gradually regaining our reason in regard to alcohol control, and we hate to see your people lose theirs. Honestly, Mahatma, Uncle Sam could tell you, with tears in his eyes, that sooner than put up with Prohibition, you'd be better off with a bumble bee in your breech-clout."

That is America on Bombay's prohibition experiment. The other article is in a less American vein. John Gunther has already in "Inside Asia" devoted much space to the various Indian leaders; they have made interesting reading. This article is one of his better articles on India. Perhaps that is why the English won't like it so much. He begins: "Meet Jawaharlal Nehru. This accomplished and sensitive India with the jaw breaking name is potentially one of the most powerful men alive. On his word depends the attitude of 350 million Indians to the British Empire and the second world war. . . And he is the inevitable successor to Mr. Gandhi, the venerable Mahatma, as leader of the Indian nationalist movement."

"The British and the French," Gunters go on to say "are fighting, among other things for a very genuine "ism," the liberalism of democratic institutions, against the fascism of a totalitarian State. Yet, while the British fight for democracy in Europe, they deny full democracy to 350 million Indians who want freedom. Everyone knows how exceptionally difficult it is for the Allies to state their war aims. But India would be a test case for war aims when the time comes for stating them.'

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Gunther's exposition of India's case at the declaration of the second world war is very accurate. It presents a picture of the true state of affairs to the American public. Even now it is said that

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Frankly Speaking

Reaction In U. P.

It is not in Madras alone that the Government are attempting to reverse the Congress policy. Things seem to be worse in the United Provinces. At a meeting of the Congress Assembly Party at Lucknow last week, Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant cited thirty instances of a reversal of the Congress policy, the more important ones being: (1) the destruction of the U. P. Employments Tax Bill by special Parliamentary legislation, (2) licencing of liquor shops and closing state-managed ones, (3) holding up the Power Alcohol Bill, and (4) the replacing of khaddar uniforms for some Government servants by mill-made cloth. As there seems to be little chance of Congress resuming office at any early date, the new Governments think they can very well go back to their old reactionary ways. But Congress will not allow its good work to be undone by the bureaucracy. The U. P. Congress Party has done well to appoint two committees, one to publish the various reforms of the last Congress Government and the other to expose the reactionary ways of the new Government. The contrast should be useful for propaganda and a good beginning now for stronger action to be taken up later.

Back To Kingship

Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, in a speech at Madras, is reported to have stated that "Indian States need not necessarily be liquidated. but their rulers could be made to rule wider areas including the adjoining British districts." The Indian States, however benevolent their rulers may become, represent the remnants of a feudal past, not in a few instances even without such redeeming features as that past possessed against the politico-social background. Whether 'liquidation' of these States is called for is a matter that depends on a number of factors. The fact remains that their existence itself is incongruous with the ideals and institutions of modern democracy which alone can solve the 'problems' that the rising wave of communalism with its irredentism and separatism tendencies is creating. Why should the British institution of royalty, whatever its significance under conditions of democracy or at any rate plutocratic democracy, become a model for the Indian people?

A Reasonable Suggestion

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasabha, suggests that if a conference of the elected members of legislatures is to be a substitute for a Constituent Assembly, the present legislatures should be dissolved and fresh elections held. The suggestion is quite reasonable, as this method of self-determination was not an issue at the last elections. Congress will readily accept the suggestion if the British Government approve of it. But that Government will not approve for the reason, among others, that their best friends, the communalists who even supported Federation would suffer a worse rout at the new elections than they did last time.

Bombay National Guards

The variety entertainment which is to be held this evening at the C. J. Hall in aid of the Bombay National Guards deserves to be generously patronised by the public both for the sake of this popular institution and the attractive programme of music and dance offered to the patrons. The Bombay National Guards, started in 1934 immediately after the 48th session of the Congress in this city, is one of the best volunteer corps in the city and has given an excellent account of itself, particularly in helping movements like literacy and prohibition campaigns. Though its ideals are identical with those of the Congress, it is an independent body and its services have often been requisitioned at public functions of various kinds. But as in the case of many other institutions which care for service without any regard for reward, its financial resources are too poor to permit the full expansion of its activities. We, therefore, trust the public of Bombay will help the institution and entertain themselves by patronising this evening's function at the C. J. Hall.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A girl may be a trifle frivolous, but she is apt to be engaging.

The talkative seamstress occasionally loses the thread of her discourse.

There is no man so friendless as the one who has lost his political pull.

Every man thinks that he is the proper one to stand around and boss the job.

A brave man never lifts up a foe for the purpose of knocking him down again.

Many a man's failure is due to the fact that he aimed too high with a short-range gun.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, Feb. 23.

General Badoux, the Belgian soldier responsible for the design of the Mannerheim Line, is leaving Brussels for Finland shortly, according to the Paris radio.

Referring to the Soviet claim to have captured 176 forts in the Mannerheim Line, General Badoux concluded, "I find this statement very remarkable, because I built only 100 forts."—Reuter.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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REDS GET PANICKY
—Headline.

—And become pinky in consequence.

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A newly-born paper has declared a prize scheme for its old copies, e.g. for 30 copies you will get a "jumping pencil" and for 45 copies a mirror.

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The All-India Radio will soon broadcast an "Eye Witness" account of impressions gathered in the course of an extended tour of the Western Front during which he inspected a number of units, including the Indian Mule Transport Section.

The services of a mule will, however, not be required.

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Mr. Yusuf Meherally observed in a speech before the Indian Progressive Group that Mr. Jinnah was a most colourful personality.

But what is more important is that the Quade-e-Azam can change his colours like the chameleon.

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Mr. Meherally further observed that Mr. Jinnah had always been an individual.

And like that other famous "individual", Louis XIV of France, Mr. Jinnah has always believed that "L'etat, cest moi!", the etat being the Muslim Nation which is in gestation on Mount Pleasant.

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Woman can control the universe, says Mr. S. Fyzee Rahaman.

Ye, yes, but can the modern eve rock the cradle?

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"Endowed with intuition and supreme spirituality it was against her nature to slaughter her own flesh and blood" added Mr. Fyzee Rahman.

So we now know why she has been hunting the poor male from the dawn of history.

In fairness we must note here that Mr. Fyzee Rahman was addressing the members of the P.M.V. Gymkhana which as you know is an exclusive institution for women only, and that he was the only representative of his sex present on the occasion.

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The Dutch Government contemplate terminating the flow of the 'Love Gifts' which are leaving Holland daily for Germany.

The result is "Love All."

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By Russians Continued Attack
By Finns Continued Defence
—Headlines

And By World Continued Consternation!

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The United States State Department reports that nearly half a million people living in the present confines of greater Germany have applied for permission to enter the United States.

They are, of course, in search of Lebensraum.

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Father: 'Why don't you go out and find a job? At your age I was earning £2 a week in a store, and at the end of five years, I owned the store.'

Son: 'You can't do that nowadays. They have cash registers.'

THEY MAY BUILD NEW ENGINES OF DESTRUCTION, BUT

Nazis Can't Build Bulldog Breed

Boys Of

London Fetes River Plate Heroes: King Decorates Them: Glorious Tributes Paid At Guildhall Luncheon

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Through streets ringing with cheers 76 officers and men of the "Exeter" and the "Ajax" marched to Guildhall to receive the City's tribute to their part in the defeat of the "Graf Spee". Londoners turned out in their thousands to show their admiration of the sailor heroes. Outside the Waterloo Station many extra-police were on duty to help in the controlling of the spectators.

Scenes scarcely paralleled since the Coronation greeted the officers and men of the "Ajax" and "Exeter" when they arrived at Waterloo station, whence they marched through the City to Guildhall, where they are being entertained to luncheon by the Lord Mayor of the City Corporation.

In Parliament Square, thousands had gathered and when the sound of cheering came faintly over the Thames, they rushed into the roadway leaving only a narrow channel for the procession.

KING DECORATES HEROES

The King and Queen paid a tribute to the Heroes of the River Plate Battle, the 760 officers and men of the H. M. S. "Ajax" and H. M. S. "Exeter." The King wore the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet and the parade was attended by Mr. Winston Churchill. First Lord of the Admiralty.

His Majesty on Horseguards' Parade decorated the heroes of the "Graf Spee" victory in the presence of the Queen, the entire Cabinet and many thousands of wildly cheering spectators.

The last of a large number of recipients to be decorated by His Majesty was the widow of the late Marine Russell of H. M. S. "Exeter", who died in action after the loss of both arms.

VISIT TO RELATIVES

As each officer and man stepped forward during the investiture, dense crowds roared their appreciation.

When men of H. M. S. "Ajax" and H. M. S. "Exeter" marched away to Guildhall, Central London traffic was dislocated for a lengthy period.

AT GUILDHALL

In the famous banquetting hall of Guildhall Captain Bell and Captain Woodhouse sat on either side of the Lord Mayor. Mr. Churchill, Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir Kingsley Wood, Lord Chatfield and Lord Hankey sat nearby.

LORD MAYOR'S SPEECH

Proposing the toast the Lord Mayor referred to the courage, daring, skill, seamanship and tenacity shown in the battle of the River Plate and said that had heard stories of new engines of destruction which the enemy was about to produce. he said, but there was one thing he cannot build—boys of bulldog breed—some of whom they were honouring to-day.

CHURCHILL'S TRIBUTE

After a modestly phrased and loudly applauded speech by Captain Woodhouse, declaring that their encounter with the "Graf Spee" early in the morning on a nice fine day with plenty of sea room had made them the envy of the rest of the Navy, Mr. Churchill rose. He said that the brunt of the war had fallen on sailormen and comrades of R. A. F. coastal command and they have lost nearly 3,000 lives in a hard and unrelenting struggle.

BRILLIANT SEA FIGHT

The brilliant sea fight which they were celebrating warmed the cockles of the British heart in the dark cold winter. It would be a comfort and encouragement to flotillas of the grand fleet, minesweepers, all warships and auxiliaries whose number was now about 1,700 and was rapidly rising that London should show its approval of the way the Navy was carrying on and going to carry on until not only the cargoes by which we live but the high purposes we have in hand are all brought safely into port."

AN EPILOGUE

Mr. Churchill continuing said that to the glorious action of the River Plate there was recently added an epilogue, namely, last week's rescue, under the noses of the enemy and amid the tangles of one-sided neutrality, of British captives by the "Cossack" proving that the long arm of British sea power can be stretched not only for our foes but also for our faithful friends. To Nelson's immortal signal "England expects every man to do his duty" may now be added "the Navy is here."—Reuter.

ROUSING WELCOME TO "ACHILLES"

AUCKLAND, Feb. 22

The British Cruiser "Achilles", arrived here early today, was given a tumultuous welcome.

Auckland is observing today as a special holiday and a public reception is being given by the Government and the civic authorities after a march through the main streets by the crew of the "Achilles".

All Naval, Military and Air forces are parading.

MORE SHIPS SUNK

German Bombers Attack Norwegian Steamers

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The news of two more ships believed to have been sunk recently was announced to-day. The 4,000-ton "Leo Dawson", owned by the Edwardian Steamship Company, is three weeks overdue and is presumed to be sunk with all hands.

Nothing is heard of the 1,700-ton Norwegian steamer "Telnes" since February 9, when she was 'en route' from New York to Holland and Belgium with a crew of eighteen. She also is believed to be lost.

German bombers attacked two Norwegian steamers off the east coast of Britain yesterday. The 1,500-ton "Akabahra" of Oslo was set on fire, but the flames were extinguished and the vessel was bombed and sunk.—Reuter.

British Trawler Sunk

An Admiralty communique announces that His Majesty's trawler the "Fifeshire" (acting Sub-Lieutenant J. V. Searles Wood) has been sunk as the result of enemy aircraft attacks.

It is feared that there is only one survivor, Able seaman Albert Edward Blowers. Two officers and 19 ratings are missing and are feared to be lost.

His Majesty's trawler the "Solon" (Lieutenant Commander W. Gillett) was also attacked by bombs and machineguns but the enemy aircraft were driven off and the vessel returned to port.—Reuter.

'Gothic' Returns Within Two Hours Of Leaving

The British ship "Gothic" 2,429 tons which left port last night returned within two hours having been attacked by enemy planes. Captain J. Cooper-Nesbitt and Second Mate Laxton were injured, the latter seriously by machinegun bullets and are in hospital. The ship's superstructure was heavily riddled by bullets.—Reuter.

'Tara' Torpedoed Without Warning

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.

The Captain of the "Tara" has cabled the owners stating that the ship was torpedoed without warning.—Reuter.

'Antonio Delfino' Leaves For Germany

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 23

The "Antonio Delfino" sailed from Bahia for Germany.—Reuter.

Germans Removed From Portuguese Steamer

BERLIN, Feb. 23.

According to a German News Agency message from Lisbon the British auxiliary cruiser "Comorin" stopped the Portuguese steamer "Nyasa" bound for Mossamedes from Lourenco Marques and removed twelve German passengers, including two wives.—Reuter.

OXFORD TO HONOUR TAGORE

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The Oxford University is to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature on Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.—Reuter.

FIRST BATCH OF B.E.F. CASUALTIES

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Lancashire's first batch of B.E.F. "Casualties" arrived in a special ambulance train at Luyton near Liverpool last night and were taken to three hospitals on the outskirts of the city.

There were 202 men on the train, including 84 stretcher cases, and although officially described as casualties none of them had suffered injuries in action. They were all cases of illness or accident.—Reuter.

DISGUISED NAZI OFFICERS PASS THROUGH RUMANIA TO STIR UP TROUBLE

A party of German officers, it is stated, recently passed through Rumania with the object of stirring up trouble, Reuter learns from a reliable source.

The officers are said to have all served in the Middle-East during the last war. They are said to be travelling under assumed names and would be mostly disguised as business men.—Reuter.

BENGAL MOVE TO SOLVE

Communal Problem

ROUND TABLE TALKS COMMENCE TO-DAY

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

The Round Table Conference, convened by the Premier of Bengal to discuss the question of Hindu-Muslim unity, meets at 4 p.m. to-morrow in the Premier's room in the Bengal Secretariat.

It is understood that some more gentlemen of both the communities have been invited to attend the Conference, making a total number of persons invited, Hindus 24 and Muslims 19.

New invitees include Mr. N. K. Bose, advocate Mr. N. C. Chaterjee, Bar-at-law, Mr. Hemendra Prasad Ghosh, Editor, "Basumati" Khan Bahadur Hashem Ali, Khan Bahadur Abdul Abdul Momin and Khan Bahadur Abdur Rauf.—United Press.

POLES TO DO FORCED LABOUR IN GERMANY

10 Trains Carrying People Every Day From Feb. 12

LONDON, February 22.

New mass deportations of Poles to the Reich are openly admitted by the German newspaper "Nowy Kurjer Warszawski" published in Polish in Warsaw.

Since February 12 there have been some ten trains daily carrying deportees to Germany where they have to do forced labour.

COMMONS VOTE GRANTS FOR COLONIAL DEFENCE

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The House of Commons adopted the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Supplementary Estimates which include the following new expenditure:—

Thirty thousand sterling for additional administration and military expenses in British Somaliland, 15,000 sterling for air-raid shelters in Malta, 58,000 for military roads in Kenya and 126,000 for administration and road improvement in Transjordan.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald denied the suggestion which he said sometimes has been made that British protected persons in Somaliland were recruited for service with foreign forces. The military expenditure there was entirely concerned with the increasing of efficiency of our own security and defence forces in the territory.

Regarding Kenya roads, Mr. MacDonald declared that although close attention was paid to strict military requirements, if construction of roads could be made to serve more peaceful purposes they would do everything possible in that direction.—Reuter.

U. S. A. EXTENDS RUBBER CONTRACT PERIOD

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The United States Government have agreed to extend until September the period in which rubber furnished by the British Government under the Rubber Cotton Barter Agreement may be shipped, thus extending the existing date by three months.—Reuter.

TURKISH EARTHQUAKE CASUALTIES

ANKARA, Feb. 23.

The death roll of the earthquake in Central Anatolia is now 120, according to latest reports from Hayseri.—Reuter.

24 DUTCH NAZIS ARRESTED

AMSTERDAM, February 23.

The police last night arrested 24 Dutch Nazis who, in full uniform, were engaged in military training.

Military training and wearing of uniform are both forbidden.—Reuter.

GERMANS ARRESTED ON ESPIONAGE CHARGE

BRUSSELS, Feb. 23.

A German employed at the German Consulate at Antwerp, a shipping official at Ghent and his sister, have been arrested on suspicion of espionage.—Reuter.

Insulate America

U. S. War Secretary On Keeping Out Of Present Conflicts

TOPEKA (Kansas), Feb. 23.

Strong isolationist views were expressed by the War Secretary Mr. Woodring at the Washington-Day Dinner.

Mr. Woodring promised: "As far as my influence in the counsels of the Government may prevail, no son of mine or yours will be called to serve as a blood offering at the altar of Mars."

"We shall probably be able to insulate our country militarily against the conflicts now raging. One result of any prolonged conflict may well be extinguishing of democracy in Europe and Asia. "What would it profit our country to gain military triumph and lose its democratic soul?"—Reuter.

ANGLO-NORWEGIAN TRADE TALKS

OSLO, Feb. 23.

It is officially announced that a trade agreement between Britain and Norway is expected to be signed shortly in London.

A statement says: "Negotiations have been going on for some time in London and Oslo on the Norwegian-British trade during the present extraordinary conditions and with the aim of obtaining modifications of the British contraband control regarding supplies for Norway. An agreement has now been reached."

It is also officially announced that German-Norwegian protocol regulating the trade between the two countries during the war was to be signed to-day.—Reuter

"ALTMARK" INQUIRY

OSLO, Feb. 23.

British and German Consuls were present at Joessing Fjord when the Norwegian Court of Enquiry started investigations into the "Altmark" affair.

The main objects is to take statements of eye witnesses and Norwegian Naval Officers with a view to establish facts. British and German versions are in sharp contradiction, each maintaining that the other fired the first shot.

Several officers of the "Altmark" were present, but the authorities decided that they need not make statements unless they wished.—Reuter.

FINANCE MINISTERS OF RUMANIA & BULGARIA TO CONFER

SOFIA, Feb. 22.

High officials and diplomats welcomed M. Constantinescu, Rumanian Minister of Finance, when he arrived this morning on two days visit as a guest of M. Bojiloff, the Bulgarian Finance Minister.

They will discuss financial and economic problems concerning Bulgaria and Rumania.—Reuter.

Memorial Service To Lord Tweedsmuir

LONDON, Feb. 22.

The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated at a simple memorial service to Lord Tweedsmuir at Westminster Abbey this morning assisted by the Presbyterian Dr. Archibald Fleming, who read the lesson. The large congregation included the new Lord Tweedsmuir, who is an officer in the Canadian Forces and other members of the family, also the majority of the members of the Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister.

Lord Clarendon represented the King, while Canada was represented by the High Commissioner Mr. Massey, the former Governor-General Lord Beesborough, and thirty officers and details of Canadian troops.

High Commissioners of other Dominions were also present as also the Speaker of the House of Commons, Earl Baldwin, General Sir Ian Hamilton, the Belgian Ambassador and Mr. J. H. Thomas (former Dominions Secretary).—Reuter.

NAZI SPIES IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 23.

Three Germans, including a German marine official, alleged to be working for Hitler's secret service, have been detained at the Port of Tampico for questioning in connection with alleged espionage activities.—Reuter.

R. A. F. Penetrate German Territory

Attack On Nazi Bases: Intense Activity Over Br. Coast

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The Air Ministry announces that R.A.F. aircraft were active in Heligoland Bight on Tuesday night and in the early hours of Wednesday morning. Warships observed near Heligoland were attacked with bombs. Anti-aircraft fire was encountered from ships and shore batteries.

One British aircraft was attacked by three enemy fighters without success and it is believed one enemy fighter was forced down

No casualties or damage was suffered by any. British aircraft during the operation, but the homeward journey was made in very bad weather conditions which accounted for the failure of one British aircraft to return.

R. A. F. OVER GERMANY

Last night the R.A.F. carried out further successful reconnaissance flights over Austria and Bohemia.

This is the second time that R.A.F. machines have penetrated to Germany as far as Austria.

NAZI ADMISSION

A German 'communique' admits that two machines failed to return from a flight over Britain and claims that of three British machines, which reached Heligoland Bight, one was shot down.

GERMAN PLANES OVER BRITISH COAST

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Further German aerial activity on British coastal regions is reported to-day.

A large plane, believed to be a German bomber, crossed the east coast and was seen flying low over Sunderland.

Another enemy plane flying high was reported off Norfolk coast.

British fighters ascended and flew out to the sea. Later bomb explosions and machinegun fire were heard.

Another aircraft, believed to be German, crossed another point on the East coast. Anti-aircraft guns came into action.

SEARCHLIGHTS IN FLIGHTS

Since the war started R.A.F. planes on more than one occasion have flown over Berlin and brought back valuable information. In order to secure the maximum amount of information British airmen have got searchlights and they have been using them several times just to see what would happen

Germans have been experimenting with coloured searchlights. This German experiment has apparently met with no success and the only comment by British airmen is "they are very pretty."

UNKNOWN PLANES OVER HOLLAND

THE HAGUE Feb. 23: A semi-official news agency announces that anti-aircraft batteries opened fire on one or more aeroplanes of unknown nationality south of Amsterdam last night.—Reuter.

Harry Pollitt Loses Deposit

Labour Party Retains Seat In By-election

LONDON, Feb. 23.

This Silvertown by-election, caused by the resignation of the Labour M.P., Mr. Jack Jones, resulted as follows;—

ALDERMAN HOLLINS (Labour) 14,343.

HARRY POLLITT, Communist 966.

THOMAS MORAN (British Union of Fascists) 151.—

The voters, dockers and industrial area on East End outskirts of London, have registered a striking victory for the national cause. Mr. Pollitt and Mr. Moran will forfeit election deposits of a 150 sterling each owing to the paucity of votes they polled.

Mr. Hollins in an interview to "Reuter" after the declaration of the poll said: "Silvertown again has sent a message to the Labour movement and to the nation that it is prepared to see that men who are manning the ships, trenches and aerodromes will get all support that the working class movement of this country is able to give".—Reuter.

Nazi Eyes On Scandinavia

Anglo-French Talk Of Beating Germany In Finland

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 23.

Political attention of Germany is now focused on the Northern countries, writes the Berlin correspondent of the "National Tidende".

He continues that Berlin claims to have definite proof that London and Paris are planning to block Germany from the Norwegian waters, thus stopping Sweden's iron exports to her.

Berlin also talks of French and British plans for beating Germany on the battlefields of Finland and it continually warning Scandinavia to hold out against any attack on its neutrality.—Reuter.

BOTH SIDES ACTIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, February 23.

A communique says that there were artillery actions on both sides, especially to the west of the Saar and east of the Blies.

There was increased activity of both aviations between the Moselle and the Rhine and also over Alsace.—Reuter.

On Western Front

Nazi Patrol's Surprise Attack

BERLIN, Feb. 23.

An official commentary on the operations on the Western Front declares that patrol activity is particularly intensive. A German reconnaissance patrol made a surprise attack on an enemy position West-South-West of Merzig and took several prisoners while the enemy lost several dead.

Turkey's Woes Not Yet Over

LONDON, Feb. 23.

THE RECENT SHOCKS IN TURKEY HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY SIX MORE SHOCKS AND THE DEATH ROLL NOW AMOUNTS TO 136.

IT IS STATED THAT MINOR SHOCKS MAY OCCUR FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO COME.—REUTER.

CENSOR WARNS BRITISH PRESS

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Sir Walter Monckton, Director General of the Press Bureau, had a frank talk with journalists at a Press Club luncheon to-day and gave a warning that certain newspapers "who prefer to do their own censorship" would not be allowed indefinitely to escape the regulations which the press has generally accepted.

He had not had to institute proceedings against any newspaper, but in two cases had submitted papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Sir Walter Monckton recalled that submission of news for censorship was voluntary and appealed to the defaulters not to take unfair advantage of the rest of the press by failing to submit news when necessary. "If not, though I should hate it, I cannot let it rest there."—Reuter.

LONDON. Feb 21.

Vice-Admiral, Sir Charles Kennedy-Purvis has been appointed Commander-in-Chief in America and West Indies in succession to Admiral Sir Sidney Meyrick from March, 1940.—Reuter.

Major Victory For Allies

"New York Times" On Rumania's Ban On Export Of Aviation Spirit

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.

Rumania's ban on the export of aviation spirit has all the earmarks of a major victory for Britain and France, says the 'New York Times."

The paper countinues that while Germany may have ample reserves of petrol for a "Belitzkrieg," with the British Air Force and the calls of the present war of inaction, she can hardly support a campaign of unlimited bombing operations in the air or a great land offensive on the western battlefields, without uninterrupted flow of Rumanian oil.

BRITISH TRADE WITH RUMANIA

LONDON, Feb. 23.

"Reuter" learns that the Rumanian reply to the recent British enquiry concerning the purpose of the newly-formed Oil Control Board and the reasons for increase of the Rumanian oil supplies to Germany is regarded in authoritative British circles as forming an adequate basis for further discussions designed to improve trading relations between Rumania and Britain. The two Governments are now in close contact with a view to achieving that result.—Reuter.

3 EXPLOSIONS IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 23

Explosions, believed to be caused by the I.R.A. agents, occurred in the West End of London this evening.

One explosion occurred in the cloakroom of the Marblearch and one man was taken to hospital suffering from shock. An explosion in Oxford Street resulted in a woman being seriously injured.

A further explosion was heard in the Marblearch area at 22.20 which broke the windows of three premises.

Eleven were hurt in the Oxford Street explosion. Besides the woman, who was seriously injured, a man was severely hurt about his legs. Two other people were cut and seven taken to hospital suffering from shock.—Reuter.

ANXIETY IN BERLIN

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf," Dr. Clodius, has left for Bucharest to clear up the question of Germany's oil supplies. This is taken as a clear indication of the anxiety felt in Berlin over the oil position.

It is stated that Dr. Clodius will endeavour to persuade the Rumanian Government to exempt oil exports to Germany from the recently imposed 25 per cent. 'ad valorem' duty.—Reuter.

Rumania Bans Export Of Coal And Mercury

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The French wireless says that export of coal and mercury and some other metals have been forbidden in Rumania.—Reuter.

KUNZRU PROTESTS AGAINST

REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE DEFENCE FIGURES

Defence Co-ordination Secretary Tells "Elders" Giving Information Is Against Public Interest

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

A strong protest against Government's refusal to give certain figures relating to defence was entered in the Council of State at question time this morning by Mr. H. N. Kunzru, who asked what was the total number of temporary commissions granted in the Indian section of the Army in India since the war began and how many officers were Indians, Anglo-Indians and Britishers.

Mr. A. Williams, Defence Co-ordination Secretary, replied that it was contrary to public interest to publish the figures asked for.

WHAT WOULD ENEMY GAIN?

Mr. Kunzru asked what advantage the enemy would gain if he knew the number of commissions given to the Indians during the last three months and said that refusal to give these figures was carrying the secrecy too far.

Mr. Williams, in response to a suggestion from the Chair, said he could tell the questioner a great deal more privately.

Mr. Sapru asked if the Government Member had given assurance that he would supply the information privately to the questioner or other members.

Mr. Williams said he could not give that assurance, but would endeavour privately to give proportional figures, not actual figures.

FORCES RAISED IN INDIA.

To a second question by Mr. Kunzru as to what was the total strength of forces raised in India since the commencement of the war, Mr. Williams reiterated that it was contrary to public interest, but to another question he replied that Indian Troops were sent to Egypt, Malaya, Aden and East Africa, while there were transport units in France.

The Council had general discussion on the Railway Budget.—A.P.

Khwaja Hassan Nizami and Maulana Syed Mahomed of Delhi were entertained to tea at the "Bait-ul-Shad," Mahim, on Thursday. Khwaja Hassan Nizami is seen addressing the gathering.

DON'T PAVE WAY FOR MUSLIM LEAGUE

Khan Abdul Qayum On Congress Action Regarding Allahbux Cabinet

SIBI, Feb. 21.

In an interview to the Press Khan Abdul Qayum Khan, M.L.A. (Central) said that in Sind there was no loyalty to party and party principles, which should exist in all legislative assemblies. It was because of this that the Allahbux Ministry had not been able to do any appreciable amount of constructive nation-building work for the people, the reason being that they had to give so much of their time to warding off attacks from hostile groups or in trying to secure and consolidate their own position.

Questioned whether he considered that the present step taken by the Congress Party in the Sind Assembly in pulling down the Allahbux Ministry, which claimed to have been following the Congress policy, was advisable under the present circumstances in the province, Khan Abdul Qayum said that it had not been proper provided the Congress Party had done so.

Khan Abdul Qayum Khan thought that the Allahbux Ministry which had resisted all along the communally minded Muslims to seize power, should have been upheld and encouraged.

Congressmen in Sind, Khan Abdul Qayum further observed, should see to it that by their acts of commissions and omissions, they did not pave the way for the Muslim League to seize power in Sind.—United Press.

AMERICA WRITES ABOUT US

(Continued from page 6)

the authorities don't want India to know that America knows so much about the Indian attitude.

John Gunther says: "The crisis began just before the war, when Indian troops were sent abroad for service in Singapore and Egypt. Then, in September, India became a belligerent by proclamation of the British Government, with Indians given no chance to say yes or no. The Government of India Act was quickly amended and the Viceroy assumed emergency powers. The British Government held that the war overrode every other consideration. But the Working Committee of the Congress replied on September 14 with a statement disassociating itself from the British declaration. This statement makes it clear that Congress condemns Fascist aggression and holds no brief for Germany. But the Committee goes on to demand that Britain state its war aims and peace aims. It insists that the issue of war or peace is for the Indian people themselves to settle. It refuses point-blank to allow Indian resources to be exploited for "imperialist ends."

That is Gunther on India. What an eye-opener it will be for America to hear from so reliable a journalist, who has only recently been to India and acquainted himself first hand with the Indian national point of view. Britain must realise that articles like these will appear and continue to appear in the world press and that however much it may attempt to stifle the truth, it will come out that India, which is a fourth of the Empire, is not behind Britain in this war. Something will have to be done and done soon if this state of affairs is to be changed and the Zetlands and the Linlithgows who are the authoritative spokesmen of British policy must alter their attitudes, and utter different sentiments if India's support is to be successfully canvassed. The time is drawing near for the Congress session at Ramgarh. One hopes that Britain will not force the Congress to make an irrevocable decision, which might begin in India a struggle, the magnitude of which no one can foresee.

PROTEST AGAINST PROPERTY TAX

Muslim Waqfs To Send Deputation To Governor

A protest against the Urban Immovable Property Tax was launched at a meeting of the Mutavalies of Bombay held on Friday at Anjuman-e-Islam Hall, Mr. Saif F. B. Tyabji presided.

By a resolution, a deputation was elected to wait on the Governor of Bombay in this connection.

TRUSTEES' PROTEST

Mr. Oosman Sobhani moved the following resolution:—

"This meeting of the Trustees and Mutavalies of the Charitable Waqfs in Bombay once again emphatically protests against the imposition of the Urban Immovable Property Tax and respectfully brings to the notice of H. E. the Governor of Bombay the grievances of hardships to poor Muslims caused by the levy of the Tax and requests the Government to exempt all the properties belonging to such Waqfs from the operation of the tax.

HEAD CONSTABLE MURDERED

Angry Crowd Sets Upon Party Out For Arrest Of Warrantee

(From Our Correspondent.)

TINNEVELLY, Feb. 23.

A head constable was murdered in cold blood and a sub-inspector, John Christopher, of Sankarankoil Division, seriously injured yesterday night, while proceeding to arrest a warrantee in a village nearby. They were set upon by an angry crowd on the way. The injured sub-inspector, cycled all the way home in the night and wired for help. He is now in hospital in a precarious condition

DISTURBANCE IN GAYA

Twelve Injured In Communal Clash

PATNA, Feb. 23.

Twelve persons were injured today as a result of a communal disturbance in Gaya.

The cause of the disturbance is not known but troubles more or less of a petty nature have been occurring since Wednesday and stray assaults by "Goondas" have occurred mostly in lanes and narrow streets.

Curfew Order has been reimposed by the authorities and Sec. 144 Cr. P.C., prohibiting meetings and gatherings of more than five persons, has been promulgated.

Government have also issued a notification declaring Gaya to be a "disturbed area."—A.P.

HOSTILE GANGS SUFFER CASUALTIES

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23.

Hostile gangs, who opposed a column in Gumati area of the Ahmadzai salient on Wednesday suffered some fifteen casualties. Army casualties were one killed and eight wounded.

Hostile gangs have been active in the area of Mirali-Spinwam road. Two lorries were held up, and one contractor's lorry carrying food supplies was looted.

The posts on the road between Mirali and Spinwam were sniped. —United Press.

JAIPUR, Feb. 23.

Seth Jamnalal Bajaj, president of the Jaipur Rajya Praja Mandal, in a statement announces that "in view of the emergency that has arisen on account of the precipitate action of the State authorities, he has suspended the constitution of the Jaipur Rajya Praja Mandal. He absolves all members of the Praja Mandal from their responsibilities as such."

Henceforth, he states, the membership of the Praja Mandal shall be restricted to me alone.—A. P.

CHANCES OF SETTLEMENT REMOTE

Non-Official Efforts Do Not Bridge Gulf Between Owners And Workers

BOMBAY, Friday.

Last minute non-official efforts in the matter of bringing about conciliation between Millowners and Labour representatives in Bombay have proved abortive.

In connection with the non-official efforts for bringing about a settlement, it is recalled that a similar attempt was believed to have been made in 1918 by the then Governor of Bombay. A private circular known as the "Lloyd Circular" was issued to the Millowners with the result that it had a salutary effect on the situation then prevailing.

At the invitation of Mr. Bakhale the Commissioner of Labour workers' representatives who included Mr. S. A. Dange, Mr. S. V. Parulekar, Mr. R. S. Nimbkar and Mr. B. T. Ranadive called at the Civil Secretariat on Friday and discussed with the Commissioner the Labour view-point regarding the dearness allowance. They are reported to have informed him that the minimum demand could under no circumstances, be less than 15 per cent cash increase with retrospective effect from September 1, 1939.

The Millowners' representatives who were invited by the Governor on Thursday are reported to have presented the Millowners' case which, in brief contains an offer of ten per cent increase in cash in the form of a flat rate increment of 2 annas per day for both men and women workers, plus the advantage of cost price shops.

LABOUR WILL NOT ACCEPT

The question whether the workers will be prepared to accept the final offer of a flat rate increment of two annas a day was raised at the Labour Rally held at Kamgar Maidan on Thursday evening and the workers with one voice declared that they were not prepared to accept it.

The Millowners also being adamant in their attitude, opinion prevails that the chances of a settlement due to any non-official efforts or through an Arbitration court are very remote.

The report of the Board of Conciliation is not likely to be published to-day. It is however believed that the publication of the report will not be unduly delayed, because there seems to be no desire on the part of Government to keep the public in the dark with regard to the merits of the case.

The January cost of living index figures for the working class population in the city, according to the Labour Gazette, show an increase of 8.5, the January figures being 114 as compared to 105 of August.

WORKERS' SOLIDARITY

Attempts are being made by the Labour leaders to prevail upon the workers not to resort to strikes before the Council of Action decides the date for common action. It is pointed out in this connection that sporadic strikes since the beginning of this month have been few and far between and wherever such attempts were made by workers to take action without consulting the Union, Labour leaders successfully managed to get these strikes called off.

The Standard Mill workers who stopped work on Thursday resumed on Friday.

Strike Called Off

UJJAIN, Feb. 23.

As a result of the eleventh hour mediation of Mr. Justice Shinde of the Gwalior High Court a settlement has been reached and the labour strike has been called off. The workers have resumed work in their respective mills on the assurance given by H. H. the Maharaja Scindia to redress their grievances.

Both the Binod and Deepchand Mills are working to-day after an interval of forty-eight days.—United Press.

Swastik Oil Mill Workers Strike

Nearly five hundred workers of the Swastik Oil Mills, Sewri, went on a strike this morning as their request for a dearness allowance was turned down by the management.

WEAVERS STRIKE WORK

Trouble In Jute Mill At Howrah

CALCUTTA, Feb. 23.

About 420 weavers of the Fort William Jute Mill, Howrah, struck work this morning over the question of non-reinstatement of a man who has been dismissed for unsatisfactory turn-out.

The mill, however continued to work and there was no other trouble. The strikers are peaceful.

The weavers of the Ganges Jute Mill, Howrah, who downed tools yesterday as a protest against the alleged supply of bad yarn by the management, returned to work this morning.—A. P.

MUTT AND JEFF—Weil, After All, Mutt's Beezer Is Some Good, It Amuses the Children — By BUD FISHER

AVOID BLEMISHED SKIN
Cuticura Soap
MEDICINAL & TOILET
use this 2-PURPOSE SOAP
Mildly antiseptic — purifies the pores — clears away muddiness and blackheads.
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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Western India Turf Club

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I have all along taken a very keen part in setting right some of the glaring discrepancies ever since I became a member of this club. I have, however, to state, with much regret, that I have received poor response from the committee members, both Europeans and Indians. The committee members resent being asked anything and refuse to throw light on any query, howsoever helpful a member may wish to be. They treat any honest question with suspicion and firmly believe that they and they alone enjoy the right to run and control the affairs of the club. What is more, they refuse to move with the times, and persist in doing the same wrongs to-day as were perpetrated years ago. This, inspite of the changes in the committee where more Indians are admitted, is almost incomprehensible.

Take for instance, the audit fees. The club paid as much as Rs. 21,400 on the totalizator accounts plus Rs. 3,750 on the club audit plus Rs. 3,575 on the gate audit and supervision in the year 1938-39. This makes a grand total of Rs. 28,725 which sum the club paid to one single firm of European auditors viz.: Messrs. A. F. Ferguson and Co. For years together similar amounts have been paid to the same firm inspite of very strong opposition and criticism, year after year, at the annual general meetings. As a matter of fact the honest club member is absolutely helpless to do anything for by the articles of association of this club, a very large slice out of the auditors' aforesaid remuneration "is not votable at the general meeting" and rests solely with the committee. I consider this preposterous but what can one do when even the Indian members of the committee support such extravagant waste of club's money! Neither will the committee reduce the auditor's fees nor will they give it to an Indian firm of auditors, nor will they divide the work between Indian and European auditors. This is what I mean by saying that inspite of Indianizing the committee, the present committee most vehemently upholds the unfair actions of the past committee.

As regards the club's insurance for years together it was placed in the hands of three British insurance companies without even calling for rates from the Indian insurance companies. I have been fighting to get the club's insurance for Indian companies ever since 1937. The club's insurance roughly amounts to Rs. 24 lakhs and the Commercial Union, Norwich Union and South British enjoyed it for years in the proportion of 40, 40 and 20 per cent respectively. Not one out of the 12 Indian companies with a paid-up capital of over rupees one crore and their total assets amounting to over Rs. 2-1/4 crores, received even a small part of the club's insurance. Until 1934 tenders even were not invited. I suggested at first dividing the business half and half, but the suggestion was turned down. I asked for information and the same was repeatedly refused. After lengthy correspondence I was quietly told to put my question at the annual general meeting where only it would be answered. Thus I was made to wait one year. At the general meeting in 1938 I repeated my question as to which insurance companies the club had issued tenders in 1934 and why no tenders had been issued since, when to my surprise the chairman replied, "I am not bound to answer a question like this. In any case it is quite impossible for me to remember the names of three companies from whom tenders were invited three years ago." I replied, "I beg your pardon, sir, how could you not remember the names when I have written to you several letters and you promised to reply my question at this meeting. I think it is high time the members had a right to know more about the club's affairs than hitherto. "The committee have no right to be so autocratic in their attitude towards the members". The club eventually in 1938 gave 25 per cent. of the club's insurance to one Indian company, 75 per cent. being continued to be given to the aforesaid 3 British companies. In 1939, however, a complete somersault took place and the club's entire insurance once more went to one British company, who chose to break all the conventions of insurance companies by quoting one lump sum as premium for different risks and considerably underquoting the tariff rates to which all Indian insurance companies are pledged. The British company quoted Rs. 6,930 as against Rs. 9,905 the next lowest figure quoted by an Indian company. Again at the last annual meeting when I tried to move my resolution that in future the club's Insurance be entrusted to Indian companies, the chairman informed me that the committee had taken legal opinion of their solicitors who informed that even if my resolution was carried it was not binding on the committee under article 30 which gave the committee arbitrary powers to place the club's insurance with any company they wished. So this will give the public some idea as to how a club member wishing to Indianize the club is victimised and put off from time to tune by the committee. I drew all this to the attention of Mr. K. M. Munshi who wrote to me that I should have pressed my resolution to a vote and the committee inspite of the articles would have been bound to honour. In view of the chairman's remarks I felt it useless to press my resolution to vote.

As far as the remunerations drawn by the European officers, the less said the better. The Secretary is paid Rs. 3,630. The Handicapper Rs. 2,712. The Tote Manager Rs. 2,530. Two Steips get Rs. 1,900 each; Tote Manager's three assistants get Rs. 1,250 each. The Starter Rs. 1,650, Three Engineers get Rs. 850 each, etc. In addition to the above the Handicapper gets I Class return passage every year and his wife once in three years, the Secretary twice in 5 years and also his wife, 3 other officers get once in 3 years and three others get once in 4 years. Monthly pay sheet of officers and assistants alone amounts to Rs. 34,243 and to which the club contributes Rs. 3,424 to the Provident Fund. In the above list there are only two Indians and the rest are all Europeans. There is room enough for Indianization here and stringent reduction of the salaries paid. The Totalizator Manager, who draws a fat salary of Rs. 2,550 has all his work done by his assistants and has a provident fund to his credit of over Rs. 1 lakh.

At the last annual meeting I moved a resolution to the effect that the committee should make available each year, two months prior to general meeting upon any member's request, a list containing the names, designations and emoluments of its officers and all other information except that of a confidental nature. Whilst no European member of the committee took objection to my above reasonable resolution I was shocked to find an Indian member rise to oppose my resolution. When the Government levied a further tax of Rs. 3-lakhs from the club, the committee tried to meet this additional taxation by reducing the stake money to the race horse owners, instead of meeting it by cutting down the fabulous salaries and audit fees paid and applying the economic axe to the huge expenditure incurred by the club. I challenged the Indian member of the committee to deny that there was ample scope to cut down the expenditure side of the club.

Finally, I have been repeatedly suggesting to the committee to appoint an independent retrenchment sub-committee, to go into the details of the club's expenditure item by item and report on the same to the committee. It is then and then alone can the club's committee satisfy the just demands of its members. Why should the Club hesitate to appoint such a committee —if it is sincerely anxious to promote the welfare and interest of the Club?—Yours, etc.,

RUSSA H. MEHTA.

Art Society's Exhibition

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Mr. Khandalawala does not seem to tolerate any other point of view and has been both bewildered and defiant. He pretends, he could not quite understand me, says I was not very lucid, and then suddenly turns round to question my right to meddle in his 'Hitlerish' affairs. He has a shrewd suspicion that after all I had something very real to say and yields much ground when he restricts mere critics to the moulding of public opinion and no further. He is as usual blurting blasphemes regarding the J. J. School of Art and particularly about the education imparted during the time of the ex-Director. He will be better informed regarding our mutual positions, if he listens to one or two other things which I should like to mention. He will realise that he was speaking of subjects which he hardly knew.

His notion, that the 'vicious' academic training imparted in the J. J. School of Art during the ex-Director's time 'must leave an indelible mark' of an 'out-worn' outlook on the students, is all wrong. It was a place to practice drawing and painting. Students and teachers in Sir J. J. School of Art worked like deaf and dumb beings. They, however, enjoyed full freedom regarding styles. The rudimentary academic drilling which is essential to acquire artistic expression was all that was insisted upon. The school has been famous for its 'Open Door' policy. Mr. Khandalawala may take it from me that the 'vicious' academic training was not necessarily opposed to the modern outlook. Turner, Whistler, and other pioneers of modern outlook who inspired the movements were products of the same academic grinding. Any 'Modern' would be tame and insipid without a mastery of expression and forms rendered by him would be meaningless.

My point will be further elucidated if Mr. Khandalawala were to know one interesting fact. I wrote more than twelve years back the theory of significant form, in Ratnakar, a Marathi magazine. I described the same ideas in my speeches at Baroda, long before Roger Fry or any other European critic of modernism was known in India. That feeling naturally comes to any artist; and Mr. Khandalawala will find it interesting to note that the theory came to my mind out of an exasperation caused by reading the learned discourses on the Art of ancient India, written by the 'gentlemen' of the other provinces. They were interested in everything, except art as I understood it.

I have a faith that a new tradition of progressive and independant growth will evolve, if the artists possess the same amount of honest and sincere effort as the old fashioned Pestonji, Agaskar, or Trinidade put in their work. Much sooner will local genius gather vitality if an evolution is allowed to continue its own course, than by revolutions copied from foreign countries, irrespective of local conditions. Nehru, or a Roy has to work with the Congress if they want to achieve real revolutions. I would with all sincerity request Mr. Khandalawala, to approach art movements with greater patience and sympathy towards local workers, instead of depending on dogmatic ideologies.—Yours, etc.,

N. M. KELKAR.

Feb. 17.

Mr. Jinnah's Article

Khurshed D. Anklesaria says:

"Even the opponents and critics of Muslim League will be compelled to admit that Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah's masterly analysis of present political situation in India correctly represents the actual and existing state of affairs; it would have been better appreciated and approved still more universally, had he not laid too much emphasis on the communal aspect, but had attributed the manoeuvring to what he aptly describes as an attempt to establish by a few astute politicians as the 'Caucus Raj' not only in Congress but also on the whole of India. It is a mere accident that the principal actors and majority of members of the "Caucus" happen to be Hindus."

Bombay Fire Brigade

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Mr. Shah has done, indeed, a great service by drawing attention of the public and the city fathers to the question of appointment of an Indian to the post of Chief Officer of the Bombay Fire Brigade. The worn-out plea that a qualified Indian was not available must no longer stand in the way of the appointment of an Indian to this post. This plea is not only untenable, but on the face of it atrocious. Who can dare assert that an Indian is incapable of managing a department like the City Fire Brigade? Indians rule over the Provinces and can manage them a sight better than others.

I hope and trust that the City Fathers will not once more stultify themselves by granting another extension to Mr. Coombs when the question arises this month or the next, and, we hope they will take the right decision with appointing an Indian in his place. We are quite sure that an Indian would justify his selection.—Yours, etc.

M. N. POTDAR.

3, Sutarwadi,
Girgaum,
Bombay, February 10.

An Idea For India

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—Even Mahatmaji with his great optimism and spirit of compromise could not have expected British Imperialism to have expressed its war aims any way akin to or near what the Congress resolution implied.

The only way in which permanent peace could be achieved, is to have no combination of groups. Every country should be broken up into small self-contained republics the more better, something on the model of the Swiss combination, with a strong federal authority at the centre. Even Great Britain should be broken up into England, Scotland and if Wales so desires, it must have its separate existence. There must be no combinations political or economic.

India—I mean the Indian masses—enters the present political struggle with a 'blank' sheet. The Congress, on her behalf asks for independence, but with a constitution as will be framed by the Constituent Assembly. It is time that the Congress will modify its creed and declared that India will be divided into independent republican States or principalities and that it will oppose every attempt at the combination of these republics for political and or economic domination or exploitation. At the head there should be a Federal authority and since the Indian States will have gone into the melting pot with the Provinces, the power will be in the hands of the masses. If there are going to be fights under the new order of things in spite of the Central Federal authorities, they will be confined to petty regions. They will not involve huge groups and much less will they drag in groups like India that have nothing to do with the present war which is not of her creation.—Yours, etc.

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Civil Appellate Jurisdiction Of Federal Court

Government Of India Writes Opinion Of High Courts And Provincial Governments On Its Extension

PATNA, Feb. 23.

The Government of India have issued a circular letter inviting the views of the Provincial Governments as well as of the High Courts and Bar Associations on the question whether the Civil appellate jurisdiction of the Federal Court should be enlarged in the near future.

The Government have also asked for an estimate of the probable number of appeals which would be filed before the Federal Court on the basis of a minimum limit of Rs. 15,000, and on the basis of such higher minimum as the Provincial Governments may desire to recommend.

Another estimate has been asked of the number of appeals between the monetary values of Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 15,000 which would be excluded, if the right of direct appeal to the Privy Council were abolished.

It is also indicated that if it is decided to undertake legislation, it will be necessary to address the Secretary of the State for India to obtain an Order-in-Council bringing Section 206 of the Government of India Act, 1935, into force. In order that this may be done in sufficient time for the introduction of legislation in the autumn session of the Legislature, the Provincial Governments have been requested to send their replies by March 22. 1940.

OPINION ON ISSUES.

Opinions have been solicited with particular reference to the following points:—

(1) In what classes of Civil cases should an appeal lie to the Federal Court.

(2) whether Rs. 15,000 is a suitable minimum value to qualify for appeal, or whether a higher minimum should be prescribed;

(3) To what extent should a right of appeal to the Privy Council be maintained;

(4) What provisions should be made for appeal in a case whose value lies between Rs. 10,000 and whatever minimum that may be laid down as the minimum value qualifying for appeal to the Privy Council.

As regards the minimum limit of appeals, the Government of India are inclined to think that it would be desirable to fix the minimum at Rs. 15,000—the lowest limit mentioned in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 206 of the Act.

The letter suggests that three courses are open to the Legislature in respect of appeals to the Privy Council. They are: to abolish direct appeals from the high courts to the Privy Council, whether with or without special leave, in all civil cases in which appeals to the Federal Court are provided for; or to abolish direct appeals from the high courts to the Privy Council, without leave in all such, cases, but without prejudice to the power of the Privy Council to grant special leave to appeal in all such cases; or to make no provision and while maintaining the existing right of appeal, with or without leave, to the Privy Council, to confer a concurrent right of appeal to the Federal Court.—United Press.

PREMIER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY MEETING

Mr. Walchand Asked To Vacate Chair

A series of sensations marked the 20th annual general meeting of the Premier Construction Co., Ltd., which was held yesterday.

At the commencement of the proceedings Mr. Jagmohandas Kapadia raised an objection that Mr. Walchand Hirachand could not preside over the meeting on the ground that he and four other Directors had accepted loans to the tune of several lakhs of rupees from the Premier Construction to other subsidiary companies, which until recently were private limited companies and of which these four gentlemen were the Directors.

Mr. Kapadia referred to Article 136 of the Company's Articles under which these Directors by reason of their actions had automatically vacated their office. He concluded that if Mr. Walchand Hirachand by virtue of his actions had ceased to be a Director of the Company, he had no right to preside over the Annual General meeting.

Mr. Walchand thereupon sought the advice of the Company's Solicitor, who agreed with the contention of Mr. Kapadia. Mr. Walchand thereupon vacated the chair, and Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand was voted to the Chair.

Certain shareholders had written a letter to the Company in which they had asked for information pertaining to various items in the Accounts and Balance Sheet. One of the points raised was in regard to the commission earned by Messrs Walchand and Co., Ltd., Managing Agents of the Company.

Commission Dispute

It was contended that the Commission had not been correctly calculated in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. It was agreed at the meeting that Mr. Kapadia should submit a note in this point for consideration by Company's auditors.

Mr. Sorab R. Davar and Mr. Kapadia complained about the lack of proper information in the Director's report.

It was also revealed at the meeting that the Company had not kept the Statutory Register regarding the Director's interests in the Contracts and Agreements made by the Company as required by Section 91 A (3) of the Indian Companies Act.

Mr. Walchand Hirachand acknowledged this mistake and appealed to the shareholders to condone it.

When the motion to re-elect Mr. Walchand and his brother Mr. Ratanchand was moved, the shareholders objected to the motion. It was pointed out that since both the brothers by virtue of their actions were no longer directors of the Company, their re-election was out of the question.

The chairman, Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand, then requested the shareholders to elect them instead of re-electing them. But the shareholders remained adamant and declined to do soon the ground that it would constitute a new motion, which was not on the Agenda before the meeting.

The meeting then dissolved without electing directors.

Anti-Gandhi Demonstrations Again

MALIKANDA, Feb. 22.

Anti-Gandhi demonstrations were staged to-day also before the Exhibition grounds when Mahatma Gandhi was visiting the Exhibition. Slogans in favour of Kisans and the Forward Bloc, and against Gandhiji and the Ad Hoc Committee were shouted. The demonstrators later held a meeting under the Kisan flag. They carried placards of the Dacca Labour Office and the Dacca Kisan Party.—United Press.

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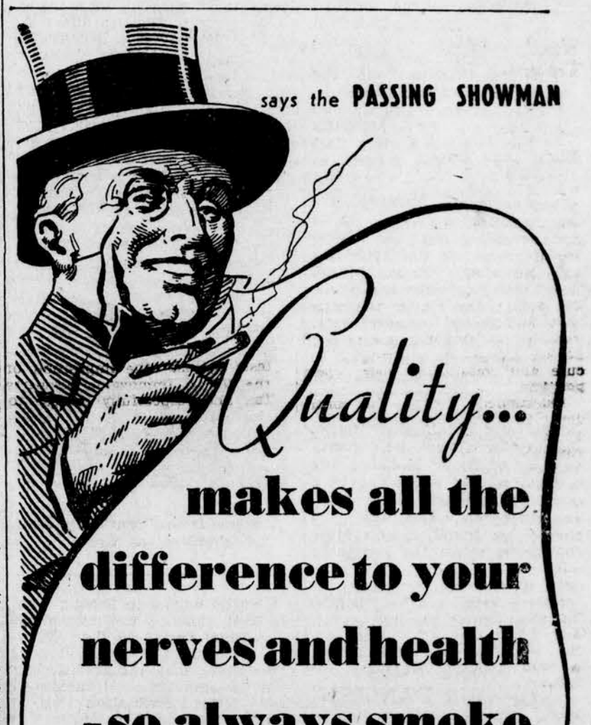

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Franchot Tone and Ann Sothern in "Fast And Furious" at Metro.

"THE RETURN OF DR. X"

Seen This Week At Excelsior

Synthetic blood, murder, disappearance, chills and thrills will fill the Excelsior screen to-day in the thrilling picturization of "The Return of Doctor X."

Warners made it hard for themselves when they had Lionel Atwill killed in the original "Dr. X" seven years ago. Film audiences (believe it or not!) like to have their favourite horror characters return to the screen in series of stories such as the Frankenstein, Dracula and Conan Doyle's Dr. Moriarity yarns. But here is a story that revolves around "The Return of Doctor X."

When a young newspaper reporter, portrayed by Wayne Morris, comes across the lifeless body of an actress, the lovely Lya Lys, a series of wild adventures, follow. Morris prints his story, and several days later the actress reappears to press charges. Morris loses his job and sets out to do some private sleuthing.

A wave of murders and disappearances leads him to a hospital, where he meets and falls in love with an attractive nurse, Rosemary Lane. Here, he becomes suspicious of Doctor X, Humphrey Bogart, who is assistant to a laboratory scientist, John Litel. Lane disappears, and with the help of her friend, Dennis Morgan, Morris solves the intriguing mystery.

Vincent Sherman directed.

Children may not be taken to such horror-filled pictures.

BETTE DAVIS AT BROADWAY

"Dark Victory" Revived

"Dark Victory", the Warner Bros. picture which will be revived by special letters at The Broadway, Dadar, presents Batte Davis as the ill-starred heroine of one of the most poignant and beautiful love stories that has ever come to the screen. Here is a drama of tender emotions, a deeply touching story of a man's devotion and a woman's affection.

"Dark Victory" is a beautiful and head-strong young heiress who suddenly learns that she has only ten months to live. She conquers this stroke of Fate by the power of a great love, and ultimately finds peace and happiness in the brief span of life allotted to her. Here is a magnificent tale of courage, brilliantly performed by Bette Davis, and a supporting cast which includes George Brent, Humphrey Bogart and Geraldine Fitzgerald.

A scene from "Pack Up Your Troubles" at Regal.

From Bucharest To Bombay

Cartoonist & Danseuse To Appear At Excelsior.

An unusual attraction provided along with "Return of Doctor X" at the Excelsior this week is a variety programme featuring two Roumanian artistes of somewhat exceptional talents.

Mon. F. Devy who is one of the cartoonists employed in Walt Disney's studios in Hollywood, will draw sketches of persons with lightning rapidity.

His Sister, Lucia, who is a gifted comedy actress and dancer from the Opera Comique in Bucharest, will give a variety of comedy dances.

Both of them, on their way from Roumania to U.S.A. are stopping for a few weeks in India and will perhaps make stage appearances in the principal cities.

"LADY OF THE TROPICS" REVIVED

Hedy Lamarr-Bob Taylor At Capitol

Co-starring Hedy Lamarr and Robert Taylor, "Lady of the Tropics," is revived at the Capitol this week.

The story concerns a young American, Robert Taylor, who falls madly in love with the beautiful Manon, Hedy Lamarr, while visiting in Saigon, Indo-China. They are married in this "Paris of the East," but then the boy is unable to obtain a passport out of the country for his half-caste wife. For Pierre Delarooh, a half-caste, played brilliantly by Academy Award winner Joseph Schildkraut, is also in love with Miss Lamarr and exerts all his powerful influence to keep her in the country. The ending is in keeping with snobbish ideas of race 'purity'!

Both Taylor and Miss Lamarr are good in their roles. Indeed, a new romantic team has taken its place along with the famous ones of the past, for this combination has both romance and glamour. Director Jack Conway, famous for such hits as "Viva Villa!" and "Too Hot to Handle," again demonstrates his mastery in this film, for "Lady of the Tropics" is a wholly different picture from the usual run, beautifully photographed and lavishly produced.

IT'S "FAST AND FURIOUS"

Mystery Comedy At Metro

A fairly bright piece of entertainment is "Fast and Furious," which is seen this week at the Metro Theatre. Teaming Franchot Tone and Ann Sothern, fresh from her success in "Maisie," as bibliophile—amateur detectives Joel and Garda Sloane, the picture presents a novel comedy-mystery.

Laid against the pageantry of a seaside beauty parade, it tells of Joel and Garda Sloane getting mixed in a murder mystery when Joel's best friend is falsely held for the killing. Comedy and thrills are interspersed with gorgeous bathing beauties as Joel and Garda start untangling the conflicting threads of evidence at the risk of their own lives. As suspects there are the slain promoter's jealous secretary, the revengeful big-shot racketeer, and the beauty winner who was two-timing him. The eventual solution is as unusual and arresting as is the rest of the picture.

Lending support to the work of Tone and Miss Sothern are Ruth Hussey, Lee Bowman, Allyn Joslyn, John Miljan, Bernard Nedell and Mary Beth Hughes.

LUCIA DEVI, the Roumanian dancer, to be seen at Excelsior this week.

WILD WEST SERIAL AT DIAMOND.

"The Great Adventures of Wild Bill Hickok", Columbia's chapter play in 15 Episodes, second instalment last 14 reels will be shown this week at Diamond Talkies, Sandhurst Road, with Gordon Elliott in the title role.

The Great Arturo Is Here!

David Niven—Loretta Young In "Eternally Yours" At Empire

With Loretta Young and David Niven starred as the romantic team, Walter Wanger's new comedy romance, "Eternally Yours" is released this week at New Empire.

"Eternally Yours" was directed by Tay Garnett, and it has showmanship, tempo, verve, excitement and thrills. It is a comedy romance—its dialogue is sharp, crisp and witty; its scenes are a delightful blend of romance, comedy and drama; it moves with pace and suspense. In fact, special mention must be made of the background shots and special effects which have been woven into the story with remarkable realism.

In support of the two stars, "Eternally Yours" has a featured cast including Billie Burke, Zasu Pitts, Hugh Herbert, Broderick Crawford and Ralph Graves.

"Eternally Yours" tells the exciting story of the Great Arturo, a gay and witty magician and his beautiful wife, Anita. It takes this romantic couple to all the gay capitals of Europe where they receive the plaudits of the crowds and lead a very hectic life. The Great Arturo, being a showman at heart, loves the noise and excitement and glamour. But after a while, Anita begins to long for a more peaceful existence. But when Arturo hears of her plan to retire to a Connecticut farmhouse, he refuses to believe that she is serious.

She proves she is by running away. He follows her in a chase which makes him cancel a world tour and leaves him penniless.

"Bachelor Mother" At Bandra Talkies

From to-day for four days Bandra Talkies is to revive the romantic laugh hit "Bachelor Mother' starring Ginger Rogers and David Niven.

This is a hilarious romance concerning a department store sales girl in love with her boss' son.

LIFE OF CHRIST.

On Sunday February 25 for two shows at 10-30 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. will be screened Cecil B. DeMille's, "King of Kings" starring H. B. Warner and Dorothy Cummings.

Loretta Young and David Niven in "ETERNALLY YOURS" (New Empire)

"BARI DIDI" AND GOOD NEWS-REEL

To Be Shown At West-End In Aid Of Red Shirts

Three good and significant films will be seen on Sunday morning at 9-30 a.m. at West End Cinema, Lamington Road, when a special show will be given in aid of the Red Shirts organization.

"Bari Didi", a New Theatres' production starring Molina and Sanyal in the best roles of their careers, has been generally acknowledged to be one of the three best Indian films of 1939.

Along with it will also be screened the film depicting the Tripuri session of the Congress.

Another attraction will be a news-reel of the mammoth demonstrations held in Bombay on August 1, 1939, in connection with the inauguration of prohibition. The last two films were produced by Chicago Radio Co.

SUNITA DEVI will appear in a dance programme at Capitol next week.

Circo's "Sohag" Under Production

Kumar and Mazhar Khan are starred in Circo Productions' "Sohag", which had its "Muhoorat' ceremony recently. Prominent among those present were Chandramohan, Durga Khote and Nandrekar.

Balvant Bhatt took a few shots of a village money-lenders' 'pedhi' in which Kumar and Mashar were found busy with a pile of account books. Leading the female cast are Bibbo and Ashalata.

Chandramohan and Durga Khote are to be starred in 'Gita.' In the supporting cast are Nandrekar and Ashalata. It is possible that Circo will make this a double-version picture.

"PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES"

Jane Withers & Ritzes At Regal

With Jane Withers and roisterous Ritz Brothers in "Pack Up Your Troubles," the new 20th Century-Fox comedy, comes to the Regal Theatre.

The Ritzes are a trio of vaudeville actors who enlist and find their way to France on a transport as nursemaids to a herd of army mules. Their nemesis is a hard-boiled Sergeant named "Angel Face," who works overtime keeping them busy.

Jane is the gay little Ma'amselle who befriends the Ritzes and adopts their baby mule, Margie, and she provides the picture with plenty of thrills when she finds a chance to save her long-lost father.

When "Angel Face" makes things too tough for the Ritzes, they take time out to write a letter to the General, telling him that he's running his army all wrong. The result provides the picture with what has been described as a funny ending.

Jane offers two delightful new impersonations in "Pack Up Your Troubles"—George M. Cohan, singing "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy," and Eva Tanguay, singing "I Don't Care!" Jane also sings a song entitled "Who'll Buy My Flowers."

Lynn Bari is seen as lovely spy, Joseph Schildkraut plays Jane's Dad, Stanley Fields is cast as "Angel Face."

VASHI IN BARODA AND AHMEDABAD

(From Our Correspondent)

BARODA (By Mail).

People of Gujarat, especially at Baroda and Ahmedabad will have an unique opportunity to witness a select programme of classical and folk dances because Natraj Vashi, a young talented artist, hailing from Baroda State, and his ballet, who scored roaring success at Madras, Bombay, Calcutta, Ceylon and Rangoon, will stage a short season from Wednesday 21st onwards till the end of February. The party will give two performances at Baroda from 21st and then will proceed to Ahmedabad.

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fascinated and influenced by this threefold culture than Mr. Nataraj Vashi.

Being in the fullness of his youth, just on the threshold of his career and above all being the recipient of a university culture and training it is not unreasonable to expect of him to rescue the art from the morass of aristocratic coteries and place it on its legitimate social basis.

"LET'S MAKE FUSS OF OUR DANCERS"

A Tribute To Nataraj Vashi

By S. VENKATARAMAN

Let us make fuss of our Dancers as Mrs. Louise Lightfoot has recommended and thus make our contribution to the cause of Indian Ballet.

Nataraj Vashi whose successful season recently ended in Bombay has distinctly carved out a conspicuous niche for himself in the Temple of Art. This swift-footed messenger of the gods has a conceived every aspect of his art with rare poetic imagination and feeling; his ballet bears ample evidence to his unerring instinct and certain eye for rich and at once subdued colour scheme and beautiful settings endowed with an Elysian dreamy grace suggesting the languorous Tagorean phantasies.

One easily realises perhaps he is the only dancer in India who has been moulded and influenced in no small degree by the Balinese art of Java where Hindu ar and culture took refuge fleein from the aggression of an iconoclastic foreign civilisation which dominated Hindusthan after the decline and fall of the major Hindu kingdoms. Vashi's unique settings and decorative accessories and the weird-looking musica instruments of the orchestra bea testimony to the fact that he ha made a special study of the re lics of Hindu art of centuries pas in all its authentic purity which is still preserved in the vernal island of Java. Ceylonese art and Buddhistic culture too have taken a permanent hold upon his imagination. In short, Vashi's exposition of Indian dance must be viewed against these three distinct backgrounds, namely Balinese, Ceylonese and Buddhistic Therein lies the secret of his popularity, the key to his phenomenal success. There is none, perhaps, in the galaxy of Indian Ballet artists who has been more

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Hedy Lamarr and Robert Taylor in "Lady Of The Tropics" at Capitol.

Humphrey Bogart and Rosemary Lane in "Return of Doctor X" (Excelsior).

REORGANIZATION OF DELHI UNIVERSITY

"I have no desire to create in Delhi a mere replica of the other Universities in India", says Sir Maurice Gwyer. "The distinguishing mark of a University at the centre should above all else be quality, and neither size nor numbers. I would, at any rate for the time being, limit the number of Chairs, but I would make it worth the while of the very best men in India to occupy them. I would raise examination standards, and I wish that it were even possible only to allow persons to enter who were prepared to read for an Honours degree. I would give scholarships for the purpose of encouraging young men of real ability to come to Delhi from every part of India, and I would give facilities for post-graduate research", says the Honourable Sir Maurice Gwyer, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University, in the memorandum sent to the Government of India during last August containing a scheme for the development of the Delhi University. Subsequently he submitted a long-term programme based upon that memorandum. The main features of Sir Maurice Gwyer's scheme are:

The development in the Capital of an All-India University with special characteristics of its own; the establishment of a number of Professional Chairs and Readerships; the provision of scholarships and other facilities for post-graduates study and research; the transfer of the constituent Colleges to the University area; the fixing of a period of three years as the length of the ordinary degree course; a review of the relations between the University and the colleges and of the principles in accordance with which maintenance grants are made to the Colleges; some changes in the University library and increased provision of science laboratories and other buildings made necessary by the suggested developments; the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine.

SCHEME ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE

The Government of India have accepted the Vice-Chancellor's scheme in principle though its carrying out must depend on the necessary funds being available in future years.

The proposal of the Vice-Chancellor with regard to the length of the ordinary degree course has also been accepted in principle. The scheme, the details of which will be worked out in due course, involves among other considerations a reorganisation of the High School system in the area served by the University.

The revision of the principles for making maintenance grants to the colleges and the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine are also engaging the attention of the Government of India and their decision in regard to these matters will be announced later.

Subject to the vote of the Legislative Assembly, the Government of India have decided to make a non-recurring grant to the Delhi University of Rs. 8,00,000 spread over a period of five years, the maximum in any one financial year being limited to Rs. 2,00,000.

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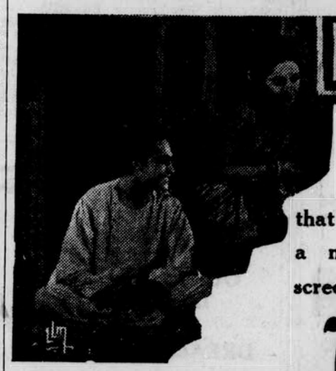

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Dr. Ambedkar Says

"Untouchability Was Punishment For Sticking To Buddhism"

Brahmins' Adaptability—When Buddha Stopped Animal Sacrifices, Cows Were Sanctified By Them

A novel theory on the origin of Untouchability was expounded by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Leader of the Independent Labour Party in the course of a talk with our representative.

Untouchability, it may be mentioned, is an institution or social practice that is the exclusive property of India and does not exist anywhere else in the world. In more than one sense it is an institution that is unnatural and runs counter to human psychology and social forces. The reasons for the origin of Untouchability that can carry conviction, therefore must be such as will override all social and psychological considerations.

According to Dr. Ambedkar Untouchability is of comparatively recent origin and could not possibly have existed in Vedic times or for centuries after that period. There is certainly no mention of Untouchability anywhere in the Vedas. How then did it come into existence then?

Semi-Tribal State

Dr. Ambedkar pictures a period when some of the people had only recently settled down to agricultural life while others were yet in a nomadic state moving about from place to place with their flocks of sheep and cattle.

The former with their encumbrances of landed property, houses, crops, etc., and higher state of civilisation than that of the pastoral tribes naturally did not want their peaceful life to be disturbed by the pastoral tribes. Nor were they a match for the pastoral tribes who were not burdened with any immovable property and were for obvious reasons physically hardier and more robust.

To guard their property against the depredations of the wandering tribes therefore the agricultural villages engaged the services of men from the pastoral class whose tribes had been broken up by internecine wars. These men were allotted pieces of land and houses just outside the villages and their main duty—as is their main duty today—was to maintain law and order.

This duty of defending the villages against pastoral tribes they discharged for generations. The relations between the villagers proper and the protectors of the villagers living on the village fringe were normal human relations without any conception of untouchability. How did it come in then?

For that, according to Dr. Ambedkar, we have to look to the rise of Buddhism in India.

BUDDHISM EFFECTED REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES

Buddhism, says Dr. Ambedkar, swept the land as no physical conqueror had ever done in India's history. Within a few generations almost the entire country especially the masses and the trading classes went over to Buddhism.

Brahminism was in the grip of mortal fear. In fact it would have been wiped out had it not been for the shrewd adaptability of the Brahmins who were prepared to throw overboard every social and religious institution which they had championed for centuries and on which they had flourished for ages if only Brahminism could be saved. What did the Brahmins do?

Mass Appeal Of Buddhism

There were three cardinal teachings of Buddha that appealed to the masses. His gospel of social equality, his demand for the abolition of the "Chaturvarna" system, his doctrine of non-violence and his condemnation of elaborate religious ceremonials and sacrifices which impoverished the masses and created among them a repugnance for religious ceremonies.

The Brahmins of this period, according to Dr. Ambedkar, were far from being vegetarians. They were the most gluttonous meat eaters, sacrificing cows and other animals by thousands, presumably to pacify the gods, but really to pacify their own greed for meat.

TRUTH BEHIND VEDIC SACRIFICES.

The Brahmin demand for meat on such an unbounded scale impoverished the peasants who had to find the cows for the sacrifices and were consequently deprived of milk and its by-products, which were their staple means of livelihood.

The proof of the limits to which these blood sacrifices had been carried on can be found even to this day in the lurid descriptions of the ceremonials in the Vedas which show but scant regard for any sort of humanitarian considerations.

And so when Buddha came out preaching abolition of animal sacrifices and religious ceremonials the masses to whom the new doctrines appealed both economically and ethically eagerly accepted them and scrapped Brahminical teachings.

How did Brahminism save itself from the surging tide of Buddhism? It straightway gave up all the sacrificial and ceremonial part of Hinduism. The cow that was slaughtered so far was, to outbid Buddha, covered with the highest sanctity.

The meat-eating Brahmin became a strict vegetarian. Wine bibbing came to an end. Hinduism assumed a puritanical covering

Compromise With Kshatriyas

In order to prevent the Kshatriyas going over to Buddhism the Brahmins offered them equality with themselves. There is actually a verse in one of the religious book apart from scores of other references observed Dr Ambedkar, wherein it is stated that just as two policemen have to stand on two sides of a prisoner to prevent his escape so also have the Brahmins and Kshatriyas to act together to prevent the Vaishyas and Shudras getting out of their hands.

HOW COW BECAME SANCTIFIED.

The cow being sanctified, sacrificial ceremonials brought to an end and a large number of other Buddhist teachings being incorporated in Hinduism the masses who had gone over to Buddhism were slowly weaned back. The one great teaching that the Brahmins did not accept was the theory of equality and abolition of the "Chaturvarna" caste system. But they did one thing. They, for the time, being put the Kshatriyas on the same level as themselves, relegated the gods of Brahmin birth to the background, installed Kshatriya gods in their places and came to other time-serving compromises.

Unexpected Development

A development of a most unexpected nature which would have been utterly abhorrent to Buddha took place in the process of Brahminical campaign of accommodation and compromise. Sacrifice of cows was stopped by Buddha. The animal was sanctified by the Brahmins. The Hindu society in general accepted the sanctification and stopped killing of cows. So did the present-day Untouchables. But the Untouchables being too poor to use fresh meat or beef at any time continued their age-old practice of eating the carcasses of dead cows.

Neither Buddha nor the Brahmins had forbidden consumption of carcasses. The ban was only against slaughtering live cows. But the present day Untouchables had committed one great crime. Being the poorest of the poor and socially on the lowest wrung of ladder they stuck to Buddhism the longest. It required a mighty big force exerted over a long period of years to bring them round. When nothing else would work social ostracism and Untouchability were applied.

Their practice of eating dead cows was exploited against them. It was something that naturally repelled the Hindu mind. It was obnoxious. The Brahmin could use the situation to his advantage without much difficulty. And so Untouchability was imposed on the entire class. It was really a punishment for sticking to Buddhism when others had deserted it. And so Untouchability continues to-day in spite of education and all modern ideas of freedom and social equality.

Ordinance Overrides High Court Judgment

"RULE NISI" IN CASE OF CONTEMPT OF COURT CONCERNING INCOME-TAX ASSESSMENT

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kania).

Eruchshaw S. Marker—Petitioner

v.

Commissioner of Income-Tax Central and Anr.—Respondents.

This was a "rule nisi" for contempt of Court taken out by the petitioner for alleged disobedience of the Court's Order dated 15th December, 1939, to forbear from exercising jurisdiction over the petitioner's assessment proceedings. The said Order of 15th December was made on the ground that Sec. 64 of the Indian Income-Tax Act 1922 gave the petitioner a right to be assessed by the Income-Tax Officer of the area in which he resides or in which he carries on business, and that right cannot, in the absence of an amendment in Sec. 64, be taken away by the amendment to Sec. 5, under which the respondents who belonged to the Central Circle (without an area) were appointed.

After the said decision the Government of India issued an Ordinance dated 28th December, 1939, for the purpose of "the validating of certain proceedings taken". By the said Ordinance Sec. 64 "shall be deemed never at any time to have applied to any assessee" who is being assessed by an officer without reference to Area under the amendment to Sec. 5 (2) of the said Act, and the assessment of such person "shall be made" by such officer.

Pursuant to the said Ordinance, on 2nd February, 1940, Mr. V. T. Shah, Income-Tax Officer (Central), who was the 2nd respondent in the case, issued a notice upon the petitioner.

Counsel for the petitioner submitted that by issuing the said notice, the 2nd respondent was guilty of contempt of the Court's Order or 15th December restraining him from exercising jurisdiction. He argued that in the absence of express words to that effect the said Ordinance of 28th December could not affect this Court's Order of 15th December, which was still binding on the 2nd respondent, (1912 A.C. 409).

The Advocate-General submitted that there was no difference between the parties as to the principles of law applicable to the case. He, however, argued that the preamble as well as the last para of Sec. 2 of the Ordinance did contain express words, which showed a clear intention to override the effect of the judgment.

JUDGMENT.

Their lordships were of the opinion that the Ordinance destroyed the very reason on which their lordships' judgment of 15th December was based. The Ordinance was meant to operate retrospectively as was shown by the words "for the validating of certain proceedings" in the preamble. Moreover the last para of Sec. 2 of the Ordinance also contained the words "shall be made" which amounted to an express direction overriding the judgment. Their lordships, therefore held that their own judgment was overruled and effectively destroyed by the power of the Governor-General to frame the Ordinance. Their lordships, therefore, held that there was no contempt of Court and discharged the "Rule Nisi" with costs.

Mr. F. J. Coltman with Sir J. B. Kanga instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., appeared for the petitioner.

The Advocate-General, Mr. M. C. Setalvad instructed by Mr. D. H. Nanavaty, Solicitor to the Central Government at Bombay, appeared for the 2nd respondent.

Around The Courts

BOMBAY, Friday.

Arrested on a charge of being in possession of a small quantity of opium, Mawa Mala was put up before Mr. T. T. Barodawala at the Girgaum Police Court on Friday and was enlarged on bail.

Jagannath Dharmaji was arrested last noon at Lal-Baug being it is alleged found in possession of a bottle of illicit liquor. It is stated that from further enquiries the police discovered that he was in the habit of selling illicitly manufactured denatured spirit. He was put up this morning before Mr. G. A. Sabnis at Dadar Police Court and was ordered to be remanded into police custody till the 29th February.

10 ALLEGED CARD GAMBLERS ARRESTED

Ten persons were arrested last night for alleged card-gambling, following a raid carried out by the Anti-Gambling Squad at Dimtikar Road, Nagpada.

As a result of the search, Rs. 16 and several packs of playing cards were seized.

The accused were ordered to be released on bail by Mr. J. M. Barot, at the Mazagaon Police Court, Bombay.

One Rama working in an oil mill was knocked down and killed on the spot by a motor lorry at the junction of Sussex Road and Connaught Road on the 15th instant.

It is stated that the driver of the lorry, Sidoo Tukaram, was driving it on the wrong side.

The Coroner's Jury held that Tukaram was driving in a rash and negligent manner.

JAIL BIRDS CONVICTED

"Persons, who indulged in such foul offences deserve to be flogged. Fortunately such cases are rare in India. I am disposed to give the maximum sentence in this case" observed Mr. Oscar Brown, Presidency Magistrate, Third Court in sentencing two jail birds to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of assaulting and causing hurt to a woman.

The accused in the case were Abdul Karim Kassam (25) alias Mingel Antone alias Fernandez, alias John alias Francis alias Chankar and Gulam Hussain Haji Mahomed.

The accused, according to the prosecution, after decoying the maid servant of the complainant Suzanne Martin, knocked at the flat of the complainant and when the door was opened by her, one of the accused rushed at her while the other clutched her by the throat. The first accused then took out a jemmy and was about to burgle the complainant's safe, when the complainant screamed for help. The accused tried to throttle her but a European on hearing the screams rushed to the flat.

FILM ACTRESS SWOONS IN COURT

BOMBAY, Friday.

The proceedings of the Court of Mr. T. T. Barodawala, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum, were rudely disturbed to-day, when a fair, middle-aged well-dressed film actress, seated on the front row, suddenly fell off her chair, seized with a fit of epilepsy.

The Magistrate permitted her to be removed out of Court. She is charged with having branded a girl of eight.

The prosecution case is that on the night of October 2, last, the accused branded her husband's sister, for refusing to wash the dirty linen of her child. Later on the accused and her husband, who is a doctor, turned the little girl out of the house. A relative of the girl, however, sent her to hospital.

The defence appears to be that accused was suffering from fits of epilepsy and did not know what she was doing.

Her Counsel, Mr. T. T. Janai, said that she was seized by a similar fit last night. He questioned the girl if she had seen anything like that happen before. The child said "no."

The husband of the accused also gave evidence.

The case is proceeding.

Mr. T. T. Janai and Mr. S. Kavlekar appeared for the accused, Mr. Panisuff, the Police prosecutor conducted the prosecution.

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A Great Final For India's Cricket Trophy

KEEN CONTEST ANTICIPATED WHEN U. P. MEETS MAHARASHTRA: "OBSERVER" EXAMINES THE SIDES

The final of the All-India Cricket Championship will start to-day at Poona.

Deodhar, the Maharashtra captain, will lead the following: Nazir Ali, Sohoni, Hazare, Rangnekar, Nagarwala, Harris, Doctor, Patwardhan, Jhadav and Bhandarkar.

The United Provinces have got together a good eleven and Palia will captain a team consisting of: Dilawar Hussain, Akhtar Hussain, Salauddin, Aftab Ahmad, Masood Alam, Maqbul Alam, Iqbal Ahmad, Garudachary, Khwaja Dastoor, Alexander and Murty

Maharashtra, who has fared so gloriously at Poona in their last two Ranji Trophy fixtures, that one can hardly associate them with failure

No one can picture Hazare without a substantial total against his name. Promptly one sees him in another role, sending down a series of lively overs that keep the score down and take wickets. I agree with "Bobby" Talyarkhan when he says Hazare has earned his place just behind V. Merchant. Deodhar, is a capable skipper and has long earned his qualification as a leader. At a time, when most folk decide to watch, rather than play cricket, Deodhar is still going strong and undoubtedly is brim full of good cricket.

Rangnekar has amply proved he is capable of good things and is rapidly earning a name. He says—he is going to do his best for Maharashtra.

Sohoni is another one that will worry U. P. and will keep the flag flying for the younger generation. He amply proves that if our youngsters are given a chance they will grab at it and strive to prove their mettle.

I could write something about every individual in the team, they are all good and will bring out all that is best in cricket.

Maharashtra will be hard to beat.

THE U. P. SIDE.

Palia, is to lead the U. P. He is no stranger to us or to big cricket. He will certainly strive to show that his men are equal to the Maharashtrians, and many old friends will cheer his efforts.

Objection to Dilawar Hussain playing for the U. P. has been over-ruled, and Dilawar can be relied on putting up a good show. He will be behind the sticks and the wiles of Gurudachary cum Dilawar is likely to prove fatal to the unwary.

Salauddin, a cricketer who goes from batsman to bowler and back will be in the picture. I well remember Salauddin's hefty sixer against Australia at Lahore. His recent performances in the Inter-University tournament are still fresh. U. P. I am afraid U. P. will have to look for much from Salauddin and Dilawar Hussain.

Akhtar Hussain is a good bat. It will be recalled that last year playing for Aligarh University against the Lucknow 'Varsity side he took all the ten wickets for less than a score of runs. It mean he is a bowler, as well.

Maqbul Alam, kept wicket for the U. P. side against Tennyson's touring side. He is a useful bat. Garudachary is a Benares University man. He has played for the U. P. He is a fast bowler, though can come down to slow stuff—a good mixer. His average throughout the season has been pleasing.

The Rival Skippers

The Maharashtra's Skipper Deodhar.

Palia, who will lead U. P.

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Lunch To Record Breaking Cyclist

Tommy Godwin, who beat the world's previous cycling record of 62,657.6 miles in one year (held by the Australian Nicholson since 1937) with the remarkable figure of 75,065 miles, was given a complimentary lunch at Nottingham recently by the two firms who made and equipped his machine—the Raleigh Cycle Company Limited, and Sturmey-Archer Gears, Limited, whose four-speed hub he used.

Mr. Marcel Planes, holder of the championship in 1911 with 34,366 was among the guests, and Tommy was presented with a rose bowl and a cheque. Incidentally, after 365 days of cycling he had actually put on weight—no less than 8 lbs!

MATUNGA ATHLETIC CLUB'S GOOD WORK

The fourth annual meeting of the Matunga Athletic Club will be held to-morrow (Sunday). The activities of the Club embrace most branches of sport and a number of tournaments are sponsored by them. These competitions have become very popular and sportsmen from all parts of Bombay participate. Recently the Government recognised the Club as a Special Institution, deserving of a grant.

MADRAS FOOTBALL LEAGUE CONCLUDES

MADRAS, Feb. 23.

The curtain came down to-day on the Madras Football League. The Buckingham and Carnatic Mills are this year's League Champions. They played their concluding match this evening, when they defeated the Madras Gymkhana by 7 goals to 1. The last occasion when the B. and C. Mills gained the League honours was in 1936.

PREVIOUS WINNERS.

1934-35: Pachaiyappa's High School. 1935-36: B. and C. Mills. 1936-37: Tilak Memorial Club. 1937-38: Moti Juvenile Association. 1938-39: Pachaiyappa's Football Club.

SPORTS PARAS—FROM ABROAD

Don Bradman's Debut: Man Versus Bear: Poethlyn Passes

(By OBSERVER)

DON BRADMAN is said always remembers the Queensland ground for it was there he made his Test match debut against Percy Chapman's team in the 1928-9 series, when England recorded a smashing victory of 675 runs. In that year Australian cricket was more or less in the melting-pot and the Selectors for the Test team had one of the longest settings on record.

The hours went by on the evening of the announcement what time Bradman, then a New South Wales player, waited on Tenterhooks at his Sydney Lodgings to hear the fateful broadcast.

Referring to this ordeal in "My Cricketing Life," Bradman says:

"It was becoming rather too much like mental torture, and I said to my landlady, 'I'm off to bed. If I am in the team it will be in the papers in the morning'.

"I got into bed and was beginning to feel very sleepy when suddenly the loud-speaker in my next-door neighbour's room came alive and I sat up and listened."

It is history now that Bradman's name according to alphabetical rule was the first to be announced. "And so," he adds, "I was in. Oddly enough the fact did not greatly excite me. . . . Anyway, I slept so soundly that I was late at the office in the morning, but my chief very tactfully did not say anything about it."

POETHLYN DEAD.

Poethlyn, winner of two Grand Nationals has died near Wrexham at the age of 30. He won a war substitute Grand National at Gatwick in 1918, and the next year was first in the Grand National at Liverpool, carrying 12 st. 7 lbs. Only three other horses—Cloister, Manifesto and Jerry M—have won the race carrying so much weight.

Poethlyn was bred by Major Peel, but as a foal he was sold to a farmer at Wrexham for only £7. A couple of years later, Major Peel heard that a farmer had an overgrown two-year-old for sale. He was not aware until he read the pedigree of the animal that it was Poethlyn, and decided to take him back for £50. This cast-off won Mrs. Hugh Peel two Nationals.

The English Flat Racing this year begins on Easter Monday.

Those who indulge in early betting on the English big races are advised to keep an eye on Lord Glanely's, Rose of England colt.

MAN VS. BEAR.

A message from New York tells us that Man versus Bear wrestling is to be permitted in the State of Texas, but not without getting permission from the Attorney General's Office. Here is the legal aspect from the learned judge:

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"After due delving into natural history, animal lore and encyclopaedias, besides the Texas rules and rules for the bear, we find that the presumption of cruelty, raised by some, points rather to the human participant.

"And since man has been known to get into a cage full of lions, we believe it is his constitutional right to fight a bear if he wishes."

As unofficial fixtures have been arranged between Oxford and Cambridge for Rugby and Association football and the Boat Race, it is too early to assume that there will be no University cricket match this year. No doubt if the colleges and Authentics produce sufficient talent Oxford will be ready to meet Cambridge.

PHYLLIS HODGKINSON.

The 17-year-old champion of England Jean Nicoll, was beaten by Phyllis Hodgkinson, the Corbillon Cup International in the Metropolitan Table Tennis Championships, London, 21-15; 17-21, 21-18. The result of the match was unexpected.

In the same tournament A. J. Wilmott, the veteran international, made a remarkable come back. Although 51 years of age, Wilmott dropped one set and beat three young opponents of good class.

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Heard after a match in the Provincial Hockey Championship.

A—"Cheer up, there are worse players than what you are."

B—"Oh, well, that's a comfort."

A—"They sit in the stands and criticise."

Inter-Provincial Hockey

Bombay's Surprise Team For Championship

Hakim Is Centre Forward And Latif Inside Left: Brewin And J. Pinto Not Playing

Bombay's side to play in the Inter-Provincial Hockey Championship has been chosen on the eve of the competition. The young St. Xavier's College player, W. Fernandes, will captain the side.

The following is the team:—

Lynn; J. Phillips and O. Ferreira; R. H. Christie, W. Fernandes and A. F. Martis; Dhadge or M. Fernandes, K. Nimal, Hakim, Latif and Tellis.

Reserves: F. Brewin, M. Adams, Darekar and Norman Fernandes.

Critics had volumes of protest with the Selection Committee's efforts towards selection, the fans who awaited the list of players actually chosen on Friday night were upset, when the team was announced. There will be much more said when the hockey public know the team.

A MIX UP.

In the forward line to accommodate K. Nimal in the inside-right position they have shifted Hakim (a regular inside-right) and Latif (a centre-forward) to centre-forward and side-left respectively. The Committee have done two wrongs to do one right. Late last night the "Bombay Chronicle" endeavoured to get into touch with Latif and Hakim to know their views as regards the new positions allotted to them. They were not to be found. A prominent G. I. P. player, however, told our representative that Latif and Hakim will not play in these strange positions. This leaves Bombay without a thrusting attack. The same player felt that Tellis might walk out of the team when he learns of the queer placings of his fellow forwards.

BREWIN NOT IN.

The public will fail to understand the omission of F. Brewin. This centre half is Bombay's best man in the pivot position. Willie Fernandes played as a left-half in St. Xavier's College team some years back and had the makings of a great left-half. Up to the present day his interception work on left is very strong. This young player could well have gone out left and allowed Brewin into the centre position.

Brewin belongs to the Customs and is evidently not to be thought of Probably, Brewin is on the black list. He was not thought worthy for selection for the final trial. But, we are told, that Poona influence judging on merit forced Brewin in as a reserve at least.

Bombay will be shocked to hear of the omission of J. Pinto of the Customs. A forward, who has gladdened the hearts of thousands with cleverness and accuracy, is dropped. One fan informs us that no written information was sent to J. Pinto that he was wanted for the final trial. Another version is that J. Pinto refused to play for Bombay. If this is so, Pinto must learn that he has a duty to his Province and a crowd of admirers.

Poona had two stalwarts on the Selection Committee. Yet, on the run of play in the Poona-Bombay trial match on Friday evening one wonders how certain Poona men were chosen. This patently applies to Martis and Christie. On Friday the Bombay forward line bettered the Poona half line, time and again. If opinions have been formed on the showing in the last two trials, M. Adams certainly earned a place as a half-back.

The Committee have chosen a set of reserves. Yet, in the exhibition match to-day where Bombay meets the N.-W. F. P. we find G. Fernandes deputising for Tellis, who will be resting.

This interloping requires some fathoming. The Committee have their stock player, Norman Fernandes. He should have been tried out with the Bombay team. What useful purpose is going to be served by a player, not even on the reserve, being played in the first match when Bombay's regular eleven have a chance to play together.

The last trial match was staged on Friday before the selections were made. Here Bombay selected met Poona's chosen. Bombay won by two goals. Lazarus and Hakim being the goal-getters.

It was not a one sided game as the score might indicate. Poona had a fair share of the exchanges. Bombay crossed over with a lead of one point and completed their tally in the second spell.

Teams:

BOMBAY: Lynn, Alexander and Ferreira, Adams, W. Fernandes and E. de Souza; M. Fernandez, Hakim, Latif, Lazarus and Tellis.

After half-time G. M. Khan was tried in place of E. de Souza and R. Gardner took M. Fernandez's place.

POONA: Ayres; J. Phillips and Rana; Christie, Gidney and Martis; Dhadge, K. Nimal, Curtis, G. Nimal and R. Brewin.

To-day's Game

B. P. H. A. GROUND—5-15 p.m Exhibition Match—North-West Frontier Province v. Bombay.

KARACHI POLICE AND R. A. F. DRAW

Fortunes fluctuated in the match between the Karachi Police and Aircraft Depot in the All-India Cabral Hockey Challenge Shield Tournament, which ended in a goalless draw, in spite of extra time.

The game was played at a cracking space and both halves were packed with incident. The sides put their all into the encounter, but strive as they would a deciding point proved elusive.

WORLD OF SPORT:

Grand Feast Of Hockey In Bombay

(By LOOKER ON)

For the first time in the history of Indian Hockey, the Inter-Provincial Tournament will be staged in Bombay this year. It will commence on Monday next and the historic Azad Maidan will be the venue. Twelve teams have entered for the fray. It is a pity Bihar was left out of the list owing to a misunderstanding. But the blame lies at the door of the Eastern province for not replying to the telegraphic enquiry from Bombay for confirmation. Were they more systematic and methodical in their routine work, they would not have missed this fine opportunity of participating in the Tournament in Bombay.

CREAM OF INDIAN HOCKEY

The Tournament promises a grand feast of hockey. All the leading centres of hockey in India, including Bengal, the holders, are making earnest efforts to send their strongest combinations. That means the cream of Indian hockey will be present on the occasion. Hockey enthusiasts in Bombay cannot expect a better opportunity of witnessing and comparing the standards of hockey prevailing in different parts of India. I am glad the B. P. H. A. accepted my advice in regard to the "gate-question" and agreed to stage the tournament under protest I hope the point will be satisfactorily settled by the I. H. F. for the benefit of all concerned.

GROUSE ABOUT LOCAL SELECTION

There has been some grouse about the manner the Bombay team is being selected. The trial matches are a farce as some of the players to be tried do not turn up at all. Of course, that is not the fault of the B. P. H. A. What they are being blamed for is that they do not insist on their attendance make it obligatory for the final selection. However the team they will finally put up will be strong enough to hold their own against all invaders. Bombay meets Rajputana in the first round and then the winners of Central India and N. W. F. P. If they succeed in crossing these two hurdles, they will encounter the victors of the

HOME AND ABROAD

Madras-Bengal contest in the penultimate round.

In the top half the draw, Punjab is bracketted with Hyderabad and Delhi with Mysore in the first round. The winners of these two ties will face the conquerors of the Patiala—U. P. battle. It is likely to be a Punjab-Patiala semi-final. But U. P. and Delhi would not yield their banners easily to their northern neighbours. Whatever may be the final outcome of the contests, it may be safely predicted that the class of hockey will be of a rare type and the battles as thrilling as possible. Let Bombay muster strong at the Azad Maidan during the next twelve days and give a rousing welcome to our visitors. The fact that there is no communalism or racialism in it should enthuse every true sportsman to the utmost.

DOCTOR'S SURPRISING RESIGNATION.

The sudden resignation of Mr. Behram Doctor from his Secretaryship of the B. P. H. A. has taken everybody in local hockey circles by surprise. Doctor has served the Association from its very inception, first as Treasurer and then as Secretary. He has practically been its heart and soul. What made him resign so suddenly is still a mystery to me. I am not prepared to believe that, he resigned on the Customs' Protest issue. It is true that this affair was rather mishandled. But that did not call for a resignation and its prompt acceptance by the B. P. H. A. Committee. I am sure the matter will see further light of day.

NEW ARRANGEMENT

In the meanwhile the B. P. H. A. Committee has taken prompt steps to keep things going as smoothly as possible. They have appointed Mr. M. J. Vakil, their Treasurer, as Mr. Doctor's successor. They have further elected a Working Committee of five, with Col. W. H. Hammond as Chairman, to assist the new secretary in his work. In view of the Inter-Provincial Tournament, which is at hand, his task is bound to be as arduous one. But there is little doubt that with so many experienced people in the management things will pass off without any hitch. Nonetheless, everybody interested in local hockey will feel sorry for the sudden departure of a hard-working official, who did a lot to stabilise and strengthen the Association in whose birth he had taken a great hand.

Selections For To-day's Races

Coeus Should Win Byculla Club Cup

BY "SENEX"

Two popular Handicaps, the Byculla Club Cup and the Turf Club Cup have been reserved for to-day. Coeus takes my fancy in the Byculla Club Cup. He should about win from GAY TALKIE.

2-00 p.m. The Town Plate, Div. II.—1 mile.
GANI 1
STAR OF KASHMIR 2
ATTAF BEG 3

2-30 p.m. THE SIR COWASJEE JAHANGIR PLATE.—7 furlongs.
MAHBOOB 1
ROSE MARIE 2
PRIDE OF INDIA 3

3-00 p.m. The Punjab Plate.—1 mile.
QUICKSILVER 1
ROSE APPLE 2
OSMAN PASHA 3

3-30 p.m. The Morland Plate.—1 1|4 miles.
MARK YOU 1
RATE PAYER 2
NIGHT ALARM 3

4-30 p.m. The Hughes Memorial Plate.—1 mile.
SPADASSIN 1
STEEL HELMET 2
PANASTER 3

4-30 p.m. The Turf Club Cup.—1 3|4 miles.
KHALAF MAJNUN 1
KING OF DIAMONDS 2
LEGION 3

5-00 p.m. The Byculla Club Cup.—1 3|4 miles.
COEUS 1
GAY TALKIE 2
LOCH NESS 3

5-30 p.m. The Abberley Plate.—1 1|4 miles.
DINAH'S SON 1
VANDYKE 2
MONOCLE 3

6-00 p.m. The Town Plate, Division I.—1 mile.
DALLI AL IRAQ 1
BANASH AMER 2
MITHQAL 3

Double:—
QUICKSILVER and KHALAF MAJNUN

Treble:—
SPADASSIN, GOEUS and DINAH'S SON

MEDICOES VIE AT ATHLETICS

A. U. Khan Retains Championship

The annual athletic sports of the Grant Medical College Gymkhana were held on Friday afternoon at the Brabourne Stadium. A very successful and interesting afternoon of sport was witnessed. Sir Gilbert Wiles presided and Lady Wiles distributed the prizes to the winners.

The champion athlete of the year was A. U. Khan. The sportsman is apparently disinclined to part with this distinction as this is his fourth year when he has bettered all his college fellowmen.

Miss Razia Gulmohamed was the popular lady champion. Serious athletics mingled with Gymkhana events all contributing to great pleasantness rivalry and enthusiasm.

Results:

100 METRES RUN—(MEN): A. U. Khan I; N. Durham II; D. H. Waller III.

HOP-STEP AND JUMP: A. U. Khan I; N. Durham II; D. H. Waller III.

110 METRES RUN—(MEN): A. U. Khan I; N. Durham II; D. H. Waller III

200 METRES RUN—(MEN): A. U. Khan I; N. Durham II; D. H. Waller III.

400 METRES RUN—(MEN): A. U. Khan I; N. Durham II; D. H. Waller III.

1,500 METRES RUN—(MEN): S. V. Bidwe I; Hiramuth II; Rodriques III.

THROWING THE JAVELIN: Miss Jacob I; Miss Rego II; Miss Gulmohamed III.

LEMON AND SPOON RACE—(WOMEN): Miss Jamal I; Miss Rego II; Miss Valladares III.

70 METRES RUN: Miss Gulmohamed I; Miss Jacob II; Miss Valladares III.

1,500 METRES CYCLE RACE—(WOMEN): Miss Valladaris I; Miss Jamal II; Miss B. M. D'Souza III.

CHARIOT RACE—(MIXED): Miss Jamal and Mr. Harish Chandra I; Miss Rego and Mr. D. H. Waller II.

STAFF'S 50 METRES RUN: Dr. Prijari I; Dr. Tulpule II; Dr. B. B. Yodh III.

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"I Follow The Mahatma"—K. M. Munshi

Gandhi-ism In Practice

How It Evokes Collective Action Its Technique Of Propaganda

The following are excerpts from Mr. K. M. Munshi's third instalment of the series of articles entitled. "I follow The Mahatma."

Gandhiji has his own technique of propaganda from which untruth is to be avoided at all costs. Ascertainment of facts by open enquiry occupies an important place in it. No stand is taken by the party unless it is morally sound and is based on a conscientious investigation of facts.

Action and suffering are utilised by him as the form of best propaganda. The Dandi March and the Harijan tour were forms of spectacular propaganda for creating the resisting mentality in the people. They lead the masses to conceive and will lead the Indian Nation into existence. The magic of his name also served as propaganda in hamlets; it was whispered about with awe and reverence and men and women even in the far lying hamlets feel a conscious unity.

The modes of mass action evolved by Gandhiji are based on old forms with a new [illegible]. Lokamanya Tilak was the first to divert them from religious to secular purposes. Huge meetings and processions characterised by self-imposed order; flag-salutations and prayers; the khadi-dress and particularly the white khadi cap; the singing of "Vande Mataram' and other national songs, these are some of the characteristic modes.

SATYAGRAHA INSTEAD OF VIOLENT CONFLICT.

As we stand before, the most potent factor in the organising masses on a large scale is the conflict which keeps the group idea before every individual, evokes determined collective action and creates group traditions. Except in the cases of the Hindus and early Christians, conflict was not thought of except in terms of violence. Neither Hobbes nor Rousseau could have thought of group conflict as a non-violent process. Marx invented the class war with great possibilities, and it has provided Russia with internal conflicts necessary to unify Bolsheviks. Equally Hitler's anti-semitic atrocities were a form of conflict which would keep the edge of collective action perpetually sharpened. Without a conflict mass organisation would be impossible. The violent mass conflicts, however, indicate a mental attitude of inflicting injury upon an antagonist. Even at the cost of one's life, the opponent must be crushed. When revolutionary France sought an escape from extinction it flung itself against the armies of Europe. But if one is pledged not to inflict an inquiry upon another the conflict can only take the form of resisting untruth and violence. Without the powers of such resistance non-violence would be "non-violence of conduct born of impotence."

ITS POTENCY.

The underlying attitude adopted in Satyagraha, non-violent resistance is: Here I am: This my truth; My mind, word and deed are one in its loyalty to it; I will not hurt you; I will hold fast to it: You may do what you will: But I will face death cheerfully rather than forsake it. This is the highest form of conflict which the Hindu Sages and the early Christians understood.

Gandhiji has pressed into the service of this attitude all forms of collective resistance in which purposive injury to another is avoided. Men can picket shops so long as they do not forcibly bar your ingress. They may also close their shops and suffer economic loss. They can disobey a law which they consider morally or politically unjust and brave the penalties. They may withdraw their co-operation. They may go into the wilderness, leaving you to your own business. They may exercise collective self-control—a very difficult thing indeed—and become inactive and irresponsive. They may not move from what they consider right, leaving you to kill them. The psychological basis of non-violent resistance, therefore, is to summon all moral and mental energies of the individual man to take an irrevocable collective stand and risk all the consequences. The action might be to another's disadvantage, but no injury has been inflicted out of anger or malice.

This analysis would show that the process of conceiving and willing a nation into existence would be more conscious in non-violent resistance than in a violent conflict. If evidence was needed, the enormous strides which nationalism has made in India between 1930 and 1934 would supply it. Non-violent resistance spread the national idea; gave a courageous mentality to a timid and harmless people; spread the spirit of freedom and service; and stirred the villages of India to a new outlook, and its womanhood to a new freedom.

INDIAN ENTERPRISE IN COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY

The opening of Summit Studios at Sassoon Dock Road, Colaba, marks a new chapter in the history of colour photography in India.

This enterprise is the result of patient research by an enthusiastic band of young Indians for wellnigh two years. It is first of its kind in the East.

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The Studios are well-equipped and the laboratory air-conditioned.

Colour transparencies which were so far processed and printed in England. America and the Continent are now processed by the Summit Studios.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT WORK

The Government of Bombay has decided that the selection of candidates for training as village workers for rural development should be made in each district by an 'ad hoc' committee consisting of the Collector (Chairman), and the non-official president or vice-president of the District Rural Development Board and the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Rural Development Officer.

The selections by the Committee will be subject to confirmation by the Commissioner of the Division.

WHAT WILL HITLER DO NOW?

(Continued from page 6)

of her commercial marine some years back and had also registered marked progress in the matter. Now she, so to say, is employing various opportunities caused by the war to push up the process. A while ago, Italian shipping service was divided into four groups, "Italia", "Lloyd Triestino", "Tirrenia" and "Adriatica" to avoid an over-crossing of routes and also internal competition. For attending to modernisation and new constructions has been formed a special financing company known as "Finmare" attached to the semi State Holding Company "I.R.I.". The company has on programme the building of 44 ships with the total tonnage of 250,000 to be ready by 1942. The "Finmare" has introduced a system of standardisation so that the ship yards can attend to serial output. At present the Italian mercantile marine with 1950 steamers has a total tonnage of 3,200,000. In the first three months of 1939 Italian shipyards laid frame for 50 ships with a tonnage of 78,930 as against 37 with a tonnage of 45,773 in the corresponding period of the previous year. New steamers are at present under construction for service upon routes to India, Far East and both the Americas, as well as comparatively smaller ones for Black Sea, Egypt and Central America. The leading Swiss daily "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" states that Italy's maritime policy represents a manifestation of the country's orientation and it adds that extension of care in the period to give closer attention to development schemes would also seem to suggest a reckoning or interest to keep out of war.

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The lot of the Poles under German domination, as various accounts indicate, goes on getting harder. Thousands of Poles have been dragged or drafted to Germany for labour. It is estimated that round 300,000 Polish prisoners are now made to labour in Germany. Arrangements, it is understood, have been completed to import 200,000 civilians. More may be brought in course of time. The conditions of work are severe and supervision stern. The Poles are put to all kinds of work, road construction, farm labour, re-construction works, mining, and skilled ones, also on industrial duties in categories of factories. Their status for all practical purposes is that of slaves. Poles also continue to be driven out of various parts of Poland. So also Czechs from certain regions in Bohemia and Moravia. They are to make way for Germans. Foerster the "Gauleiter" (regional Nazi leader) of Danzig, a special protegee of Hitler, recently declared that in regions round the former "Corridor" all Polish traces will disappear soon. Foerster in East Prussia is the counterpart of Frank in Bohemia. Besides this transfer or transport of human material, the most cruel of forced migrations of modern period. Poles in large numbers continue to be thrown into concentration camps, especially intellectuals, and executed. Hitler aims not only to relegate the conquered races to an inferior rank, but also to check severely a numerical strength and potentiality of theirs. When one hears of the terrible German deeds in occupied Poland and in the "Protectorate" ones thoughts go the cries and shouts of Hitler about hardships of the German minority under Czech rule with which he confused credulous minds and paved the way for expansionist moves. Happenings in occupied Poland and in the "Protectorate" to-day show that Hitler never worried about minority welfare, but kept in view a policy of expansion, aggression and domination.

Ahmedabad-Prantej Rly. Co. Report

The Ahmedabad—Prantej Railway Company, Directors Report for 1939 contains:—

Whilst the number of passengers carried shows an increase of approximately 42,000, the receipts therefrom have slightly declined. In Goods Traffic, the tonnage handled and the recepts therefrom both show an improvement.

The working of the line for the year shows a net profit of Rs. 2,86,334-13-1 after providing for Reserve Fund. The Directors declared an ad-interim dividend at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum, less Income-Tax, which absorbed Rs. 1,12,500 leaving a balance of Rs. 1,96,139-12-5 available for disposal.

SEARCHING IN TO GUJARAT'S PAST

Young Archaeologists' Interesting Discoveries

The Editor of "Suvas." of Baroda writes.—

Mr. A. V Pandya, a young archaeologist of Gujarat has recently discovered some important ancient sites of great archaeological significance to Western India.

Hitherto Anartta, ancient Northern Gujarat, was supposed to be an inland division of ancient Gujarat. Mr. Pandya's two months' wanderings through the saline sands of the Rann of Cutchh has revealed that it was also a coastal part bounded on the east by an estuary of the Arabian Sea, as late as the 10th century A.D. He has discovered two great sea-ports of the Anartta country, as important as Bharukachha and Shurparaka of the Lata country.

Due to the seismic disturbances caused by the inner forces of the Cutchh ranges this sea of great shipping interest to northern India since the pre-historic ages, shallowed down ultimately turning into the saline Rann of Cutchh in the tenth century when the drying up of the Great Mihiran—the Sita of the puranas—and Hakra gave the last blow to it.

FLOURISHING PORT DURING MENANDER'S TIME.

Near the mouth of the minor Saraswati of Anhillavad Patan, Mr. Pandya has discovered ruins of an ancient sea port with anchoring docks. Nearby is a village named Kumver belonging to Radhanpur State. The place is still known to the country people by its original name Kola Patan. The author of the Milinda (Menander) Panho, a Pali work of the 2nd century A.D. enumerates it among the principal ports of Western India viz. Bharukachha, Surath, Collapattan and Suvir. During the Buddhist age the Rann was a navigable sea as it was seen personally by the contemporary author of the Periplus.

OPHIR OF OLD TESTAMENT DISCOVERED.

On the smaller peninsula of Chorad, Mr. Pandya has found extensive ruins of an ancient sea port 20 miles west of Santalpur. The country people call it "Hovi, the City of Gold" which apparently, was the port of Suvir succeeding Kollapattan in the Milinda Panho list. According to the old tales current among the country folk camel-caravans used to bring dust gold from the Aravalli range which was shipped from this port. Herodotus and Pliny took notice of dust gold gathered from river sands around the Aravalli ranges. It recalls us the Ophir of the Old Testament from where the fleet of Solomon and Hiram brought dust-gold in the 10th century B.C. The voyage took three years to return to Palestine. The place of Ophir was supposed to exist by Mr. Cunningham and others somewhere in the same area in which Mr. Pandya has discovered it at last.

BROADCAST TALKS ON THE DISCOVERIES.

The Bombay Radio Station has arranged a series of five talks on Mr. Pandya's archaeological linguistic and historical researches to be broadcasted on March 3, 4, 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.

MORE DONATIONS TO RED CROSS FUND

The Bombay Presidency Red Cross Fund is mounting. Donations received till last Saturday totalled Rs. 190,-674-12-0 and tickets in the "numbered ticket scheme" are selling rapidly.

Every effort is being made to secure for the appeal a response worthy of Bombay city's tradition of generosity. Sub-committees are hard at work organising entertainments and seeking the support of all sections and interests in the community.

Cinemas have kindly agreed to exhibit slides telling of the "numbered ticket scheme." Everyone who buys a rupee ticket has a chance of winning a new motor-car worth Rs. 4,906 or one of 39 prizes, ranging from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 25. In addition the ticket gives free admission to the first day of the brilliant pageant starting at the Brabourne Stadium on March 30.

The following is the further list of donations received last week:

Mr. Mafatlal Gagalbhai Rs. 7,000; Sir Dossabhoy H. Bhiwandiwalla Rs. 3,000; The Hon'ble Mr. Shantidas Askuran Rs. 1,500; Dowager Lady Cowasji Jehangir Rs. 1,000; Messrs Forbes Forbes Campbell and Co. Ltd., (Rs. 500 of the donation has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 1,000; Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd. (Rs. 200 of the donation has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 1,000; Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co. (Rs. 200 of the donation has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 1,000; Messrs. Ralli Bros. Ltd. (Rs. 100 of the donation has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 1,000; Messrs. E. D. Sassoon and Co. Ltd. (Rs. 200 of the donation has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 1,000; Messrs. Hajee Cassum Joosub and Sons (Rs. 100 of the donation has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 500; Lady Goolbai N. Saklatvala Rs. 500; Mr. A. K. G. Hogg (Rs. 100 of the donation has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 500; Messrs. Mazagon Dock Ltd. (Rs. 100 has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 500; P. and O. Visitors Passes Fund (Rs. 100 has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 500; Messrs. Bhikamchand Balkishandas Rs. 500; The Officers and staff of the Bombay Branch of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris Rs. 422-12; The Caltex Oil Co. Rs. 375; "Anonymous" Rs. 301; Messrs. Bomanjee Dhunjibhoy (Rs. 60 of the donation has been earmarked for the St. Dunstan's Fund) Rs. 300; Messrs. Ardeshir B. Cursetji and Sons Rs. 300; Mr. Kavasji Jalbhoy Sett Rs. 300; Messrs. Wadia Ghandy and Co. Rs. 300; Messrs. Motilal Vijbhukhandas Rs. 300; Mr. and Mrs. Bhagwanlal Panalal Rs. 251; Dewan Bahadur Narayan Vithal Sayana Rs. 251; Mr. Kavasshaw S. Powvala Rs. 200; The Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. B. Wassoodew Rs. 200; Mr. Rustom S. Powvala Rs. 200; "Anonymous" Rs. 150; Mr. D. N. D. Khandalavala Rs. 100; Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, C.I.E., I.C.S. Rs. 100; Messrs. Lever Bros. (India) Ltd. Rs. 100; Messrs. K. J. Foster and Co., Ltd. Rs. 100; Messrs. Killick Nixon and Co., Agents Ellerman's City and Hall Lines being the sale proceeds of Visitors Passes Rs. 67-8; Mr. Prabhashanker R. Bhatt, Mr. F. A. Daver, "K.P.M.", Messrs. East Asiatic Co. Ltd., and L'Union Fire Accident and General Insurance Co., Ltd., Rs. 50 each Rs. 250; Dr. M. Venkatrao Rs. 25; Mr. W. H. Cummings Rs. 10.

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Ahmedabad Electricity Coy. Report

The Directors' Report of the Ahmedabad Electricity Company (for 1938-39) contains:—

Share Capital.—The 1st Call on the issue of 15,000 Ordinary Shares made in 1938 was made payable on 1st November 1939. The 2nd Call has been notified and is payable on 22nd January 1940, and the Final Call is likely to be required shortly afterwards. The whole of the Company's present Authorised Capital has now been issued and with the Final Call mentioned above will be fully paid up. As forecast in the Report last year, the Directors have now decided to recommend an increase in the Authorised Capital.

The figures of units sold, indicate progress under this head in relation to the figures of the two previous years.

The additional plant for Sabarmati Power Station to which reference was made in the last Report was brought into commission during the year and has been operating satisfactorily.

ACCOUNTS.

After providing for depreciation and setting aside the amounts detailed in the appropriation account on page 13 and after meeting all operating costs and charges the balance carried forward to the Balance Sheet amounts to Rs. 5,34,666-11-5. Adding to this the sum of Rs. 3,695-10-10 brought forward from last year's accounts a total of Rs. 5,38,362-6-3 is available. The Directors declared an "ad-interim" dividend of Rs. 3 per share on amounts called up absorbing Rs. 1,87,371-0-10 which leaves a balance of Rs. 3,50,991-5-5 for disposal.

SCIENCE HALL FOR VYARA HIGH SCHOOL

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAVSARI, Feb. 22.

Members of the Dabu family of this Gaekwadi town are well-known for their many-sided public activities and their philanthropy. The silent deeds of public help given by Mr. Kekobad Ruttonji Dabu seldom come to light and are known only to a few persons. I am credibly informed that this gentleman has donated large sums of rupees for public welfare, some of which are as under:—

He has volunteered to build a Science Hall for the Vyara High School, at his own expense and has further donated a further sum of Rs. 2,000 for the upkeep of a library for the School. The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Hall was performed by Shrimant Pilaji Rao Gaekwad, the Suba of Navsari, on 20th inst.

The Mahila Mandal of Navsari is doing very useful work in the town, and with a view to appreciating its services for the public good, Mr. Kekobad Dabu has promised to give a sum of Rs. 1,000 every year, for the upkeep of the library of the Mandal, should its working show a deficit after striking its balance sheet.

The Dabu Parsi General Hospital of Navsari has proved a boon to the community, as the reports of its administration show. Lately the need of an additional nurse and an assistant doctor was much felt, to supply which Mr. Kekobad has volunteered to give an annual donation of Rs. 1,200.

Thus Mr. Kekobad is silently helping educational and medical institutions, and it is an open secret that he is giving recurrent monetary help to certain funds.

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Nazi Spies At Large In Britain

Inadequate Restrictions On Nearly Half A Lakh Aliens: Sudeten German Leaders Jailed

FUEHRER'S COLLEAGUES HOARD UP JEWELLERY

LONDON, January 25.

Is Britain being too gentle with "enemy aliens" and thus possibly giving Nazi spies and would-be saboteurs easy chances? Doubts are increasing about the wide measure of liberty which is allowed to the army of Germans and Austrians here.

The "comb-out", of over 62,000 "enemy aliens" has resulted in the internment of only 436. Nearly 54,000 are free both from internment and from special restrictions.

The keen scrutiny of the special restrictions is applied to just over 8,000.

More than 48,000 of the aliens are refugees. Britain desires to extend hospitality and protection to all genuine victims of Hitlerism, but when the country is rapidly becoming a huge arsenal holding secrets of vital importance, it is being asked if the necessary surveillance is being maintained over such a multitude of foreigners.

It is also being asked whether Nazi spies are successfully masquerading as refugees.

In the last war Britain interned over 30,000 enemy aliens. The total now under lock and key is less than 800. Germany is no less cunning and resourceful now than she was in 1914.

To express a lively loathing of Hitlerism and all it stands for is the elementary groundwork of a Nazi spy.

Kindly, sentimental British people may unwittingly do the worst of disservices to their country by testifying to the good characters of aliens whom they really do not know.

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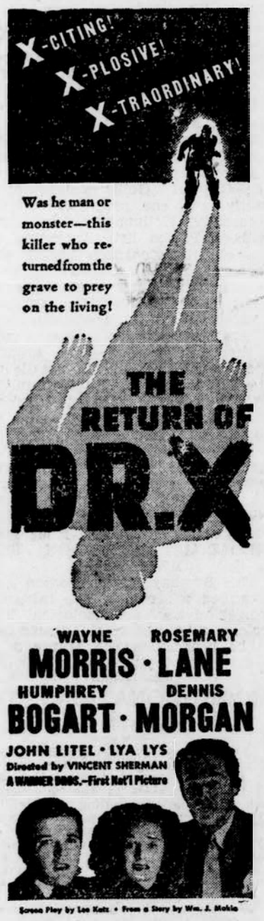
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Nazi Leaders Hoard Jewels

Information has reached London that several of the Nazi leaders invested large sums in jewellery just before the war. Everything points to the belief that these activities still continue.

Last February Goering went to Italy on holiday.

While staying at San Remo Goering and his wife drove to Monte Carlo on a day's visit.

They had tea, and then motored back with a "small piece" of jewellery worth £226.

In Rome, shortly afterwards, their "sightseeing" tour together was successful.

Goering found a Greek jeweller who had been collecting for a year the biggest pearls he could find. He had made them up into a magnificent necklace.

A London merchant who knows the Greek concerned told me today: "The necklace was worth £50,000, but, allowing for exaggeration I should not place its value lower than £40,000. Big pearls of good quality are rare".

Such activities of the Nazi leaders are held by the trade to be largely responsible for the boom in the market in Britain.—("Evening Standard".)

Sudeten Nazi Leaders Jailed

ZURICH, January 23.

Many prominent Nazi leaders from the Sudetenland have been sent to prison by the courts of Dresden and Leipa, Bohemia, according to a report to-day in the Schwarze Korps, organ of Hitler's Black Guards. They were accused of sexual crimes.

"These people hid their crime under the cloak of politics and so did the greatest harm to the German community", says the report. "They are not only wrongdoers in our eyes but also political criminals.

"These condemnations are only repeating what was done in the old Reich immediately after we came into power".

DEVELOPMENT OF INDIA'S FISH INDUSTRY

A communique of the Principal Information Officer, Government of India states:—

Survey work on fish marketing under the direction of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India has been started in the Provinces and a report thereon is expected shortly.

Before practical measures can be taken to put the industry on a sound footing, it is necessary to carry out local surveys of the amount and class of fish available and systematic experimentation on small business scale with such improved methods of collection, transportation and handling of fish as are available in the country.

The Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has accepted schemes for the investigation of certain problems connected with the fishing industry and funds have already been provided for a small scheme for the investigation of the life history of certain fresh water fishes in Bengal.

Why Indian Christians Should Refuse Communal Electorates

Mr. Aloysius Soares, Principal, Antonio De Souza High School, Bombay, in the course of a memorandum he submitted to the Allahabad Indian Christian Conference, writes:—

With a view to allaying nationalist prejudice against us, whether real or feigned, with a view to depriving the Hindu masked as a nationalist of a pretext to prevent the propagation of our Faith, and with a view to bringing a gleam of hope in the encircling gloom, we should be prepared to advise Indian Christians to give up communal electorates. They can give no protection to the community—the Indian Christian members of the legislature being swamped by the numbers of Hindus and Muslims. Such a gesture would at this juncture have a great moral effect. Personally I would go farther and decline even reservation of seats. From what I have seen of the working of the Congress party machine with its iron discipline, the Congress is glad to get a number of puppets and automatons into the councils, so that the leaders may lead them like dumb driven cattle. They may choose Christian puppets and pass them off as our representatives. I should prefer to go unrepresented rather than be misrepresented by such people. The other advantage is that politically minded Christians and those ambitious for public life and service would be brought out into wider public activities instead of merely nursing their own community.

Who's Lord "Haw-Haw"

The Britisher Who Speaks On Nazi Radio

LONDON, January 23.
(By Mail.)

Is "Lord Haw-Haw" Henry William Wicks, the former London insurance manager, who is living in Berlin on money sent to him from this country?

When Wicks, who formerly earned £3,000 a year, left for Germany last summer he made no secret of the fact that he was going to broadcast.

In Forest Hill, where Wicks used to live, and in Brighton, where his parents now live, people who knew him have recognised his voice over the German radio.

FATHER WILL NOT LISTEN

Wicks's father, a Brighton professional man, has refused to listen to any of the broadcasts. Mrs. Wicks and Wicks's sister, Beatrice, also refuse to listen.

Wicks's father, a grey-haired middle-aged man talked to me about his son, I told him that "The Star" had received information that someone named Wicks was broadcasting from Germany in English, and Mr. Wicks at once replied: "My son".

"It is", he added, "a source of great distress to us and I don't want to discuss it".

OPINION OF A FRIEND

I asked him if it were his view that his son is "Lord Haw-Haw". He would not commit himself, but said: "Although I have no real evidence I have no doubt that my son is broadcasting from Germany. A client who called to see me a few days ago said to me: 'I am sure your son is Lord Haw-Haw. I had business dealings with him and would know his voice anywhere'."

When I asked Mr. Wicks if he or any member of his family had ever listened to "Lord Haw-Haw" or any of the English broadcasts from Germany he replied: "No, we don't want to. Whenever we hear anything in English from a German station we switch off immediately.

"My daughter-in-law, whose family live in Brighton is in Germany with my son. She is even more Nazi in sympathy than he is.

LETTERS FROM GERMANY

"We had some letters from my son after he went to Germany in July. He spoke about doing some broadcasting I have torn up the letters".

I asked Mr. Wicks whether he would listen to "Lord Haw-Haw" to see if he could recognise the voice, if I took a radio set to his house.

Mr. Wicks said he could give no answer until his daughter returned.

Later Miss Wicks said to me: "We do not want any more to do with the matter. I have never heard the broadcasts and do not want to".

WIG, GOWN—AND UNIFORM!

LONDON, (By Air Mail).

Once again the Law Courts in London are seeing the unusual spectacle of barristers, complete with wig and gown, but in uniform.

A ruling has been given that uniform is correct dress in which to appear before a judge.

Modern war has made it possible for officers to attend to both their legal and military duties at once. Officers of the Air Force, who actually fly on the North Sea Patrol, have managed to appear in Court between flights.

Primary School Teachers' Allowances To Be Discontinued

(From Our Correspondent)
SURAT, Feb. 22.

As recommended by the Moos Committee, the ex-Ministry had sanctioned the recommendation of the Committee to pay the attendance allowance as personal allowance to the primary school teachers of the Local Bodies which was ordered to be stopped with effect from April 1 1939 by the Government. Accordingly the District School Board of Surat paid the personal allowance to their primary teachers from April 1, 1939 to January 31, 1940.

But the Board has now passed a resolution in its meeting held yesterday to discontinue it from February 1st on the ground that the payment of such allowance is against the principle. The Board also resolved not to pay duty pay to teachers under training as sanctioned by Government.

NATIONAL SERVICE FOR EUROPEANS

Bill To Be Introduced Shortly

It is understood that substantial agreement on an alternative scheme that would provide the administrative advantages of compulsory national service has now been reached, and that a Bill will shortly be introduced in the Legislative Assembly to give it effect.

The Bill will give statutory recognition, it is believed, to the National Service Advisor Committees which have already been set up at the chief centres of European population. It will be possible to summon any person subject to the Registration Ordinance to appear before one of these Committees, who can enquire into his circumstances, and may, if they think he is available, and suitable for national service, invite him to accept the service for which they think he is best fitted.

Home Of Service To Mothers And Children

The Seventh Annual Report of the Kadri Maternity and Nursing Home, Mangalore, states:—

Situated in an elevated and sanitary locality, the Home is free from noise and dust. It is also provided with electricity and other modern conveniences.

In 1939, 218 In-patients and 2115 out-patients were treated by the Home. During the six and a half years of its existence, the Home has been devoted to the welfare of 17,555 mothers and children of all castes and creeds.

The extracts from the Visitor's Book, published in the Report, show the high level of efficiency and service maintained by the Home.

"SCANT COURTESY FOR KANNADA"

Plea For Inclusion In A.I.R. Programme

S. K. Hosmani, President, Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee and eight other prominent Karnatak leaders have issued the following statement:—

At present there is no broadcasting programme in Kannada from any station in the whole of India except quarter-hour School-broadcast, from Bombay. That is done at the odd hour of 3 to 3-15 p.m. and that too only every fortnight.

To-day news-broadcast is done in almost all Indian languages and in English. Even Pustu and Persian which are languages spoken by a few lakhs have found a place whereas such an important language as Kannada is not recognised.

Kannada to-day claims a strength of 112 lakhs who speak it as their Mother-tongue and about 40 lakhs more who understand it. It is a language recognised for degree Examinations by the Universities of Bombay, Madras, Mysore, Calcutta, and Usmania.

The A.I.R. is an All-India affair and we expect that it should recognise all due claims. We want to draw the attention of the public in general as well as the attention of the India Government and the Provincial Governments to the scant courtesy shown to one of the major languages of India.

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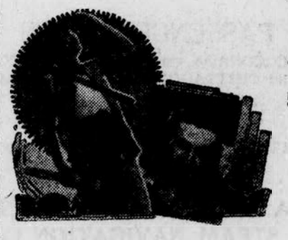

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WEEKLY MARKET REVIEW

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, Feb 23.

MONEY.

Money rates were almost static during the period under review, call funds being quoted at between 1 and 1-1/4 per cent. Term money rates were also unchanged at 2 to 2-1/4 per cent. for three months and 1-3/4 to 2 per cent. for six months. Owing to smaller maturities, applications for intermediate Treasury Bills were small and aggregated only Rs. 40.25 lacs, resulting in a net influx of Rs. 46.50 lacs into the market.

A statement of affairs of the Reserve Bank of India made upto 16th February 1940 records an increase of Rs. 3 crores in the Issue Department's holding of Sterling Securities. The Total Notes issued shows an increase of Rs. 240.56 lacs. Withdrawal of Rupee Coin from the Bank continued, the total amount of withdrawals during the week being Rs. 59.44 lacs. In the Banking Department, Government Deposits are up by Rs. 4.64 crores, whilst Bankers' and Other Deposits have declined by Rs. 219.91 lacs and Rs. 85.54 lacs respectively. Ways and Means Advances to Government are down by Rs. 27 lacs to Rs. 37 lacs. The item of 'Balances held abroad' is down by Rs. 27.61 lacs, while the Bank's investments have declined by Rs. 75.17 lacs.

A return of the Imperial Bank of India compiled upto 16th February 1940 reveals an increase of Rs. 81.84 lacs in the Bank's Investment Portfolio and a decline of Rs. 23.90 lacs in the item of Advances. Deposits show a rise of Rs. 69.51 lacs, while the Cash holding of the Bank is up by Rs. 12.47 lacs to Rs. 13.81 crores.

GILT-EDGED.

There was good investment inquiry in gilt-edged, but supplies were not freely forthcoming, with the result that prices improved all-round. 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan, which was quoted at Rs. 101-6 at the opening of the week, was not available even at Rs. 101-12, while 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan was quoting Rs. 112 with no sellers. 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper also improved in sympathy and stood at Rs. 91-8 at the close, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Loan, in the London market, kept in the vicinity of £91-1/4 during the week. 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan moved up from Rs. 94-6 to Rs. 94-10, 3 per cent. 1941 bonds ruled quite steady around Rs. 101-7 and 4 per cent. 1943 bonds around Rs. 104-8. 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan was in demand at Rs. 95-14 at the end as against the opening level of Rs. 95-6, whilst there was fair inquiry in 5 per cent. 1945-55 (T. F.) loan at Rs. 111-4.

RUPEE LOANS

A Gazette Extraordinary issued on Thursday, 22nd February 1940, notifies for general information that the Governor-General in Council is pleased to sanction the creation of the following Rupee Loans as counterparts of the Indian Sterling Loans noted against each:—

RUPEE LOANS

(1) 3 per cent Loan 1949-52
(2) 3 1/2 per cent Loan 1954-59
(3) 4 per cent Loan 1948-53
(4) 4 1/2 per cent Loan 1950-55
(5) 4 1/2 per cent Lian 1958-68
(6) 5 per cent Loan 1942-47

STERLING LOANS

(1) 3 per cent India Stock 1949-52
(2) 3 1/2 per cent India Stock 1954-59
(3) 4 per cent India Stock 1948-53
(4) 4 1/2 per cent India Stock 1950-55
(5) 4 1/2 per cent India Stock 1958-68
(6) 5 per cent India Stock 1942-47

With effect from 1st April 1940 and until further notice holders of the several sterling loans stated above are given the option of transferring their holdings from the books of the Bank of England to the Rupee Registers to be opened and maintained in India by the Public Debt Offices of the Reserve Bank of India at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras; the terms on which such conversions may be effected will be announced by the Reserve Bank of India from time to time.

The Rupee counterparts of the Sterling Loans so converted will be subject to the usual conditions and privileges as to renewal, conversion, consolidation, sub-division and enfacement for payment of interest at any Treasury or Sub-Treasury in India and such securities will be governed by the provisions of the Indian Securities Act, 1920, and the rules framed thereunder.

Specimen copies of the Rupee Securities mentioned above are open for inspection at the Public Debt Offices of the Reserve Bank of India at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras, and will be supplied on request at these offices to 'bona fide' applicants.

Rupee Securities issued in India in lieu of Sterling Securities will not be reconvertible into sterling, but may, on application, be enfaced for payment of interest at the London office of the Reserve Bank of India as in the case of other Rupee Loans.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange was dull throughout the period under report, sellers of spot T. T. quoting 1s 5-63/64d. with buyers at 1s. 6-1/64d. Occasional interbank transactions were reported within this range. The rates fixed by the Exchange Banks Association for merchant business were unchanged

In the free foreign exchange market in New York, sterling opened steady at 395.75 cents, and after touching 394.87 cents on Tuesday, closed better at 396.25 cents. The discount on three months' forward delivery widened from 3 1/8 to 3 1/2 cents at the close.

In London, the official buying and selling rates for various currencies were as under:—

The sterling/dollar rate 403 1/2 and 402 1/2 cents, the sterling/franc rate 176 3/4 to 176 1/2 francs; the sterling/guilder rate 7.58 and 7.53 and the sterling/belga rate 23.95 and 23.75. The lira was quoted between 78.00 and 77.75 during the week. Amongst the Far Eastern exchanges the Shanghai dollar was practically unchanged at 4d. throughout, but the yen varied between 1s. 2 31/32d. and 1s. 2 9/32d. during the week.

GOLD

Activity in the gold market was rather restricted during the week and in spite of fair export demand, offerings continued to be small owing to small arrivals from upcountry. Opening steady at Rs. 42-6-3, spot gold touched Rs. 42-5-2 on Tuesday, but soon recovered to the opening level, closing at Rs. 42-6-6. March settlement gold was quoted at a premium of six pies over spot and April settlement commanded a premium of 1 anna 3 pies over March. Sovereigns continued to be in good demand and the price was marked up by stages from Rs. 27-3-6 to Rs. 27-5 at the close. In London, the Bank of England's buying price for gold remained unchanged at 168 shillings per ounce. Floating stocks of gold in the market are estimated at about 75,000 tolas, while arrivals from upcountry are estimated to have averaged 10,000 tolas a day. The average daily offtake for trade purposes is unchanged at 1,500 tolas. Gold bullion to the tune of Rs. 54,30,222 was shipped to San Francisco on 16-2-40. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 42-6-6 and Rs. 42-5-9 for spot, Rs. 42-7-3 and Rs. 42-6-6 for March settlement and Rs. 42-8-6 and Rs. 42-8 for April settlement.

SILVER.

Speculation about an upward change in the import duty on silver in the forthcoming budget of the Government of India was the chief source of activity in the local silver market and fluctuations in quotation for March settlement were largely dependent on changes in the backwardation. Spot silver opening at Rs. 56-1, advanced the same day to Rs. 56-5-6 and after a temporary recession to Rs. 56-1, improved once again to Rs. 56-13 and finally closed at Rs. 56-9. The backwardation between spot and March settlement, which stood at 1 rupee 8 annas at the close of last week, narrowed temporarily to 14 annas on Tuesday, but soon widened to 1 rupee 8 annas. April settlement silver was quoted at a premium of four annas over March. In London, the quotation for spot silver gradually declined from 20 3/4d. to 20 1/4d. at the end. Two months' forward delivery was quoted at a discount of 1/16d. early in the week, then stood at par with spot on Tuesday, was quoted at a premium of 1/16d. on Wednesday and finally closed at level rates with spot. Stocks of silver are estimated at 35,000 bars, while the average offtake was 60 bars a day. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 56-13 and Rs. 55-15 for spot, Rs. 55-9 and Rs. 54-4 for March settlement and Rs. 55-14 and Rs. 54-8-6 for April settlement.

SHARES.

The share market, after a quiet opening, steadied up mid-week and the undertone at the close was firm. The market would seem to have discounted all the adverse factors and there has been increased activity on the market.

Steel shares were strong at the end; Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds, which had declined to Rs. 1,775 earlier, made headway to Rs. 1,905, whilst Ordinaries, after an initial drop to Rs. 343, steadily recovered and closed at Rs. 364. Textiles, despite rumours about impending strike in the industry, maintained a steady tone and prices recovered all-round; Bombay Dyeings improved from Rs. 861-4 to Rs. 912-8, Centuries gained from Rs. 259 to Rs. 289, whilst Central Indias forged ahead from Rs. 249 to Rs. 282 at the finish. Kohinoors touched Rs. 326 and New Greats Rs. 299 during the first half of the week, but later found good support at Rs. 361 and Rs. 335 respectively. Hydro-electrics were all steady and there was fair investment inquiry in this group; Andhra Valleys shot up from Rs. 1,455 to Rs. 1,500 at the close, while Tata Powers gained from Rs. 1,325 to Rs. 1,338-12. Tata Hydros were strong at Rs. 157-8 at the close. Amongst Banks, Bank of Indias ruled steady at Rs. 135-12, whilst Central Banks gained from Rs. 34-4 to Rs. 35-12 at the finish. Imperial Bank Fully Paids were done at Rs. 1,492-8 and Partly Paids at Rs. 361-14. In the miscellaneous bloc, Bombay Burmas after a sharp decline to Rs. 547-8, improved and closed at Rs. 590. Belapurs declined mid-week to Rs. 192-8, but closed firmer at Rs. 209-8. Scindia Steams were quoted around Rs. 18-4, whilst Associated Cements declined mid-week to Rs. 112-8, but later made considerable headway at Rs. 115-4 at the finish. New Indias were firmer at Rs. 37-2.

CALCUTTA.

The price of hessian moved between Rs. 13-15 and Rs. 14-12, whilst that of raw jute, after touching Rs. 81-4 mid-week, closed steadier at Rs. 85. Jute shares, after ruling featureless during the major part of the week, turned steadier at the close.

GROUNDNUTS & SEEDS

Bombay, Feb 23

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Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 15th February:—

1. Demand Liabilities:—	
(a) In India	136,11,56,000
(b) In Burma	7,32,61,000
2. Time Liabilities:—	
(a) In India	104,88,74,000
(b) In Burma	3,76,45,000
3. Cash:—	
i. Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes.	
(a) In India	6,13,12,000
(b) In Burma	1,03,000
ii. Burma Notes:—	
(a) In India	19,000
(b) In Burma	23,52,000
iii. Rupee Coin:—	
(a) In India	60,71,000
(b) In Burma	1,00,000
iv. Subsidiary Coin:—	
(a) In India	25,42,000
(b) In Burma	40,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	18,74,70,000
5. Advances:—	
(a) In India	142,31,45,000
(b) In Burma	5,24,17,000
6 Bills Discounted:—	
(a) In India	5,14,59,000
(b) In Burma	25,98,000

Comparative Statement of the Position of Scheduled Banks.

(In thousand Rupees)

	16-2-1940	9-2-1940	17-2-1939	1-9-1939
1. Demand liabilities in India and Burma	143,44,17	143,55,67	127,28,32	141,39,78
	(7,32,61)	(7,19,78)	(5,94,82)	(7,03,29)
2 Time liabilities in India and Burma	108,65,19	108,80,46	106,35,83	106,46,46
	(3,76,45)	(3,81,25)	(4,32,85)	(4,22,12)
3. Total cash in India and Burma	7,25,39	7,18,39	6,22,84	7,29,82
	(25,95)	(27,57)	(19,06)	(59,37)
4 Balances with Reserve Bank	18,74,70	20,45,53	12,29,27	25,27,75
5. Advances in India and Burm	147,55,62	148,63,07	122,81,19	105,65,08
	(5,24,17)	(5,19,02)	(4,65,57)	(4,12,92)
6. Bills discounted in India and Burma	5,40,57	5,22,23	6,33,95	3,85,74
	(25,98)	(24,32)	(33,08)	(29,45)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets)

COTTON CROP OF BOMBAY PRESIDENCY

Decrease Of 10.6 Per Cent

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay, has issued the following 4th Memorandum on the Cotton Crop of Bombay Province (including Indian States) for the Season 1939-40:—

On an average of the five years ending 1937/38 the area under cotton in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented some 25.1 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

This territory (included in the present report) is however, exclusive of Baroda State, which, on an average, occupies about 3.4 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

The figures given in the present report relate to the varieties of cotton grown in the Bombay Province. For estimates of the remaining crop, refer to Baroda, Hyderabad, Mysore, Madras and Sind Forecasts. Estimates for the whole crop is available also in the All India Cotton Forecast published in the Indian Trade Journal, and also issued separately in a leaflet form.

The figures for 1939/40 shown in this Forecast relate to the Cotton Crop sown between June and July 1939 in the case of the early varieties, which are grown principally in the Deccan, and to the cotton crop sown in July-September 1939 in the case of the late varieties which are grown chiefly in Gujarat and the Karnatak.

(Estimates up to 1st February 1940)

AREA.—The latest reports show the total area under the early as well as the late varieties of cotton as noted below:—

	Bombay Province. Acres.
British Districts	3,405,000
Indian States	1,474,000
Total	4,879,000

14.7 and 18.8 per cent respectively below the corresponding area of the last year and the decennial average area at the same date. The revised area now reported shows a slight increase in parts of the Karnatak but a general decrease elsewhere in the Province due to the prevalence of low prices at sowing time and also to late commencement of the season in the Deccan.

SEASON

In Gujarat, the crop in the south is making fairly satisfactory progress but that in the north has suffered from want of sufficient rains of the season, and, as a result, its outturn is estimated to fall much below the normal. Due to absence or deficiency of late rains, shortage of soil moisture was experienced in many areas in the Division. This coupled with inadequate dewfall hastened the ripening and opening of bolls and the picking of the crop was undertaken somewhat earlier indicating an early season for the crop. In the Deccan where early varieties of cotton are mostly cultivated, the picking of the crop is completed almost everywhere in the Division and the produce is being marketed for sale. As already reported previously, sowing of the crop was delayed on account of late commencement of the season and later on, the growth of the crop was also prejudicially affected by the long period of drought. The late crop grown in parts of the Satara District is, however, thriving well, being free from any pest or disease and is now in flowering and boll-formation stage. In the Karnatak where late (rabi) cotton is chiefly grown, the crop suffered in places due to continuous prevalence of dry easterly winds and occasional cloudy weather conditions at the end of December and in the beginning of January. The crop is now reported to be in flowering and boll-formation stage. Slight attack of aphis is observed on Numpta and Jayawant cottons while Dharwar-American and Gadag No. 1 cottons are somewhat affected with red-leaf blight in places in the Dharwar District.

OUTTURN.

As a result of the seasonal conditions described above, the yield of the crop is North Gujarat may range between 50 and 58 per cent of the normal while that in the south of the Division may come up to between 78 and 89 per cent of the normal. In the Deccan, the outturn of the crop may vary from 50 to 83 per cent of the normal. The yield of the crop in the Karnatak may return between 58 and 75 per cent of the normal. The outturn of the crop in the Indian States should generally correspond to the yields likely to be secured in the neighbouring British tracts.

The total estimated outturn of the crop works out as shown below:—

	Bombay Province Bales.
British Districts	710,000
Indian States	276,000
Total	986,000

10.6 and 13.7 per cent respectively below last year's corresponding outturn and the decennial average outturn at the same date.

Classified by varieties, the area and outturn of the crop under the different trade names stand as shown in the subjoined table:—

Variety.	Area in acres.	Outturn in bales
1. Oomras	1,282,670	307,311
2. Broach	451,964	145,645
3. Surti	419,586	117,440
4. Dholleras	1,308,262	197,709
5. Southerns	1,446,681	218,447
Total	4,879,103	985,552

Of the total estimated outturn, about 46.2 per cent may be credited to the British Districts and the Indian States of Gujarat and the Western India States Agency, 32.4 per cent to the British Districts and Indian States in the Deccan and the remaining 21.4 per cent to the Karnatak (British Districts and Indian States combined).

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

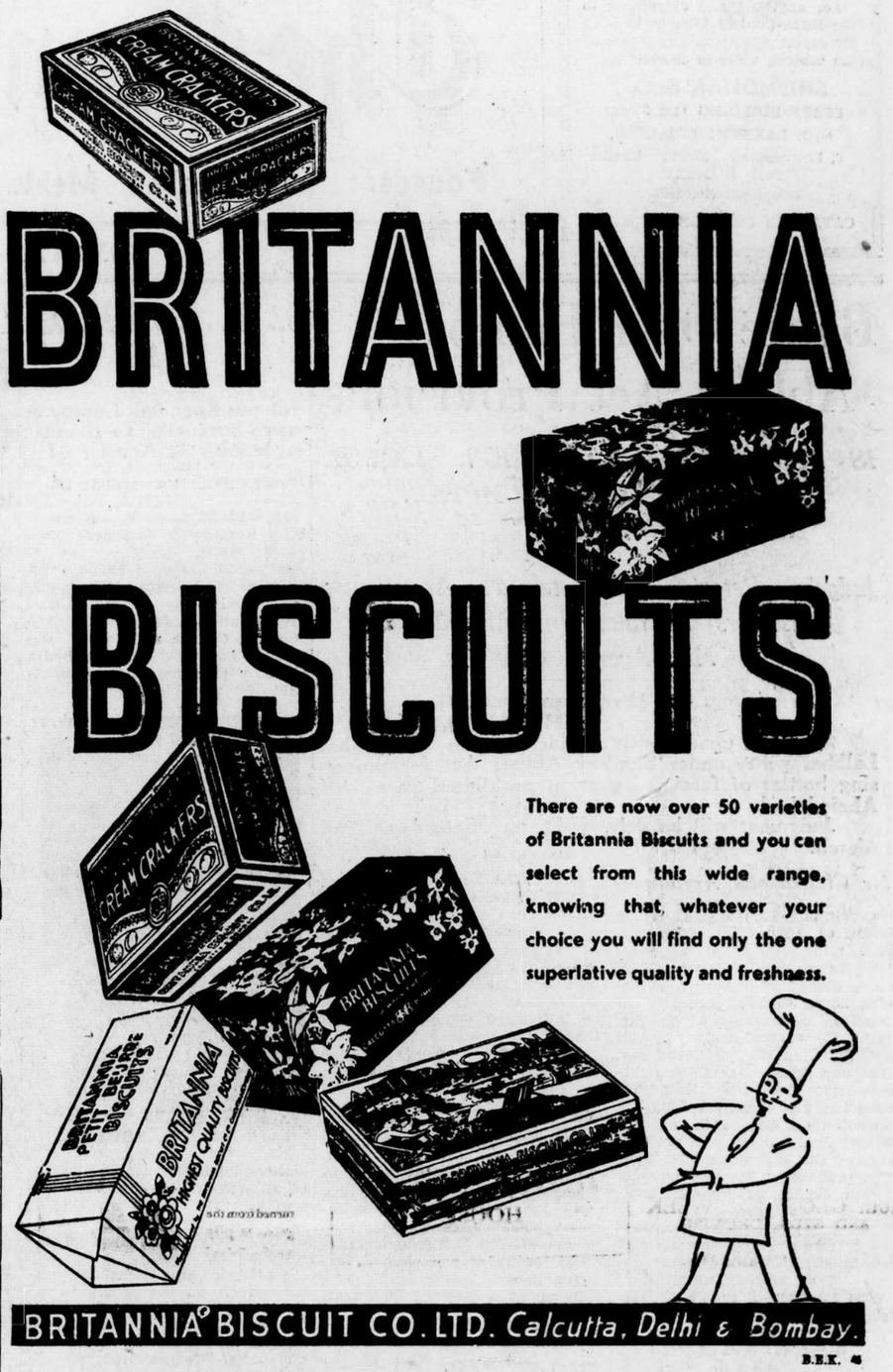
Bombay: Feb. 23.

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	This year.	Since 1st Septr. Last year
Khandesh		48,294	31,824
Central India	902	65,278	178,686
Barsi and Nagar	99	101,621	51,354
Hyderabad-Gaorani	51	40,147	4,138
Berar	1,539	238,857	110,549
Central Provinces	127	56,757	27,495
Total Oomras	2,718	550,954	404,146
Dholera	959	36,979	106,445
N.-W. Provinces		21,751	2,132
Rajputana		24,004	41,586
Sind-Punjab	201	284,559	251,875
Broach	4,421	114,087	71,384
Coompta and Dharwar		14,734	14,000
Westerns-Northerns		16,475	18,977
Cocoanada		50	84
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,309	2,540
American		11,219	2,196
Egyptian, African and Sudan	716	194,459	166,264
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,920	7
Total	9,015	1,272,500	1,081,636
Arrived by road to 15th Feb. 1940		146,248	.....

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday	Sept. 1 to Feb. 15 This year.	Last year
Total	1,735	535,280	657,431

Lowest		48	10 0
Closing		50	10 0
Groundnuts February—			
Opening		36	5 0
Highest		36	10 0
Lowest		35	6 0
Closing		36	10 0
Groundnuts May—			
Opening		38	4 0
Highest		39	5 0
Lowest		38	2 6
Closing		38	2 6
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		26	0 0
Highest		26	2 0
Lowest		25	14 6
Closing		26	2 0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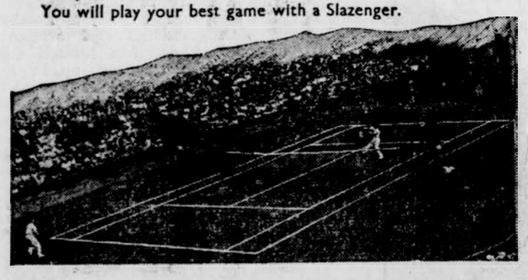

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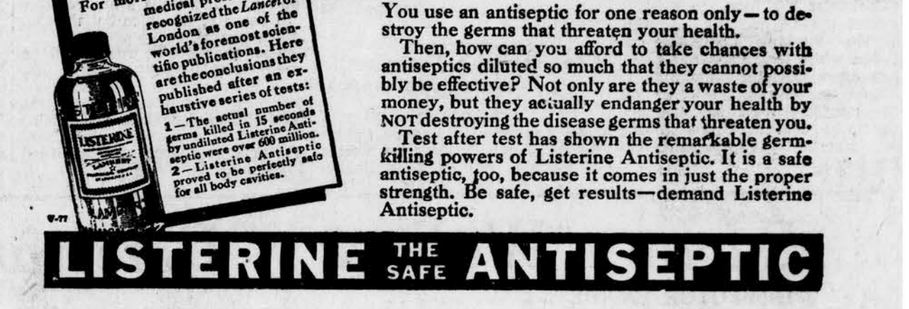
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All-India Weather

POONA, Feb 23

Scattered thundershowers occurred in East Central Provinces, Chanda and Jagdalpur recording 1/4 inch each. Darjeeling also reports 3/4 inch rain. Temperatures were markedly above normal in North Baluchistan and Upper Sind.

Forecast until the evening of February 24: Scattered thundershowers will occur in East Central Provinces and Orissa and isolated thundershowers in South Bengal and North Madras Coast.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 23-2-1940.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.035 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 75.6 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 72.2 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 84.7 degrees 1.1 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 72.6 degrees 4.3 (above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 94 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ENE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 5 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 108 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 13 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 1

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 23-2-1940.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 79.0 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.12 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.92 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of slight intensity at its origin about 3130 miles away was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 19 h. 9 m. I.S.T. on 22nd February, 1940.

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Battle Over Bombay Abkari Act Provisions

IS POSSESSION OF FOREIGN LIQUOR FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION AN OFFENCE?

Judge's Retort To Setalvad's Arguments: Assessors' Verdict In Ahmedabad Mill Agent's Case

(From Our Own Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 23.

Assessors unanimously declared Sheth Chinubhai Lalbhai guilty under Bombay Abkari Act for possessing bottles of foreign liquor in prohibited area of Ahmedabad.

Judgment will be delivered on Saturday, 2nd March.

Sir Chimanlal's Arguments

Continuing his arguments on behalf of Seth Chinubhai Lalbhai, mill agent, who is being tried before the Sessions Judge on a charge of possession of foreign liquor without permit or licence in contravention of Sec. 14(B) (2) of the Bombay Abkari Act, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad said that any person possessing foreign liquor for his private consumption was exempted from the operation of Sec. 14(B) of the Abkari Act. Besides, the notification of the Government of Bombay, prohibiting the possession of foreign liquor, was in contravention of the provisions of the Government of India Act as it would result in the cessation of the import of foreign liquor.

TOO FAR-FETCHED

The Judge:—It is too far-fetched.

Sir C. Setalvad:—No, Sir. That would be the immediate effect. Prohibition extended over the whole Presidency will infringe on the Federal sphere. The Money-lending Bill of the Bihar Government infringed upon the Federal sphere, and a new Bill had to be introduced. Another case is that of the Property Tax.

Judge:—The Bombay High Court has given its judgment on the tax.

Sir C. Setalvad:—We have appealed to the Federal Court and hope to reverse the judgment of the High Court.

At the conclusion of the hearing of the case the Judge took the opinion of the assessors who unanimously pronounced Seth Chinubhai Lalbhai guilty of posession of foreign liquor.

Judgment is reserved till Saturday next.—A. P.

S. V. KOWJALGI DEAD

Veteran Karnatak Congressman Succumbs To Blood-pressure At Age Of 67

(From Our Correspondent)

BIJAPUR, Feb. 23.

Mr. Shrinivasrao V. Kowjalgi veteran Congress leader of Karnatak, expired yesterday at 10 p.m. at the age of 67 born at Kaladgi of a respectable family in 1873 he was educated at Poona and graduated from the Deccan College and joined the Bijapur bar in 1898. He had a lucrative practice and was reputed to be an able advocate and

LATE MR. S. V. KOWJALGI.

fearless fighter with a keen sense of self-respect. He had many encounters with the local officials where he invariably won. He was thrice elected President of the Bijapur Municipality.

A powerful and eloquent orator, he roused the people to national work.

Late Mr. Kowjalgi was devoted disciple of Lokamanya Tilak and a staunch Congressman. He belonged to the Extremist school of politics. He joined N.-C.-O. in 1921 giving up practice at the Bar and suffered imprisonment of one year (R. I.) Mr. Kowjalgi was a member of the Congress Working Committee in C.D. Times. An indefatigable Congress worker, he served the country to the last ounce of his energy. He was ailing from blood pressure for nearly 3 years and sucumbed on Thursday.

His funeral was largely attended. Eulogistic references to Mr. Kowjalgi's career and national service were made by Messrs. Karkhanis and Naik at the cremation ground. Local Municipal offices and the market and bazar remained closed as a mark of respect.

TALUKDARS

Deprived Of Powers

Western India States Agency Resident's Order

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Feb. 23.

In consequence of maladministration of Darbar Bhayawala of Bhayawadar Taluka, the Agency Resident has been pleased to order him to be deprived of jurisdictional and administrative powers exercised by the Durbar.

ANOTHER CASE

As a result of police investigation into serious allegation against Durbar Vala Amra Ram, non-jurisdictional Talukdar of Khijadia, under Kotdapittha taluka, the Agency Resident has ordered, in the interests of justice, that the police and magisterial jurisdiction over the village of Khijadia, hitherto exercised by Kotdapittha Taluka be withdrawn and transferred to the Babra Thana.

DEPARTMENTAL HEAD'S

Lack Of Courtesy To Minister

AFTERMATH IN STATE COUNCIL OF POLICE FIRING ON CEYLON ESTATE WORKERS: GOVERNOR ON INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S REPLY

COOLOMBO, Feb. 22.

AN AFTERMATH OF THE MOOLOYA ESTATE SHOOTING CASE CAME UP BEFORE THE STATE COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON IN THE SHAPE OF WHAT THE HOME MINISTER, SIR BARON JAYATILAKA, DESCRIBED AS AN "IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE."

Echo Of Police Firing Tragedy

In the Mooloya Estate shooting tragedy some Tamil workers who were on strike on January 10, 1940, it was alleged, attacked some Sinhalese workers and the party of police, which later arrived on the scene. The latter fired a round in self-defence, as the result of which one worker received fatal wounds.

MINISTERIAL POSITION

Sir Baron, who made a statement on the Ministerial position in the matter, laid on the table the correspondence between him and Mr. P. N. Banks, Inspector-General of Police, relating to the postponement of police cases until the Commission of Enquiry had reported—and between him and the Governor over the constitutional issue emerging therefrom.

The first part of the correspondence showed that the Home Minister apprised Mr. Banks of the State Council's decision that "pending inquiry by a Commission, all criminal proceedings in connection with the incident should be postponed" and requested Mr. Banks that subordinate officers should be instructed accordingly.

Mr. Banks replied that if instructions are to be issued, they should be issued to the magistrate.

GOVERNOR'S REPLY

Arising from this Sir Baron addressed a protest to the Governor against what he described as an act of insubordination and indiscipline on the part of the Inspector-General.

THE GOVERNOR REPLIED THAT MR. BANKS' LETTER MIGHT HAVE BEEN BETTER WORDED AND WAS MOST UNHAPPILY LACKING IN COURTESY REQUIRED OF A DEPARTMENTAL HEAD TO HIS MINISTER. If Mr. Banks felt himself unable to comply with the Minister's request, he should have obviously requested the Minister to make a submission of such inability to the Governor, instead of issuing instructions directly, contrary to those requested. "I am indeed much disappointed in Mr. Banks but it is not in my judgment a matter in which a charge of insubordination could properly succeed and I therefore,

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

The Polish Information Service, Shanghai, have published a pamphlet entitled: "The Origin of the German-Polish Conflict." It is an excellent piece of propaganda such as is necessary at the present moment to show the events which led up to the violation of Poland's independence and how Germany is responsible for it. It is circulated in India by the Polish Consulate and makes interesting reading.

In town this week is "French Without Tears", a picture based on the stage play by Terrence Rattigan.

The story of Terrence and his play is almost fascinating.

At Oxford Terry wrote with Philip Heimann a play called "First Episode." It was based on Oxford life. It opened at the Q Theatre and later came to London where it ran three months. Terry next wrote "French without Tears", but he could find no theatre company to back it. Twelve producers turned it down. Then he got a chance and it came to the Criterion Theatre in London. It is said that if any film company wanted the play for film purposes it could have been got for £500 on the opening night. Nothing happened till one day Queen Mary went to see it. It was one of her rare visits to a theatre after the death of her husband. She was seen to enjoy it immensely. Pictures appeared next day on the front page showing the Queen in the Royal Box. All London flocked to it and kept on flocking. Then came Marlene Dietrich who was in London making "Knight without Armour." She liked the play and the part which is now played by Ellen Drew. She wanted Paramount to buy it for her—the last picture under her contract. Paramount did and paid £10,000 for it and Terry was almost a rich man. Later, Marlene broke off with Paramount and there were rumours that Carle Lombard would play the part. Ellen Drew is dissappointing after such names as Dietrich and Lombard, but the men are admirable.

There is no truth in the rumour that Mr. A. C. Ardesir and Mr. Horniman have together bought the classic horse "One I Love" which is for sale.

A local dhobi in the military area refused to hang his clothes on the Siegfried Line, if it was sent to him.

It Is Disgraceful

"TO LOOK TO BRITISH FOR SETTLEMENT OF OUR CLAIMS"

Congress Door Is Always Open, Says Maulana Azad

LAHORE, Feb. 18.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President-elect of the Indian National Congress, addressed a mammoth meeting of the citizens of Lahore held under the auspices of the Lahore District Congress Committee outside the Delhi Gate gardens adjoining a predominantly Muslim locality.

Mr. Ram Chandra, President, Lahore District Congress Committee, presided.

The huge gathering, which included a very large number of Muslims, was estimated at over 50,000 persons.

The Maulana Sahib received an enthusiastic ovation when he appeared on the Dais. A large number of ladies was also present. The Ahrar and Congress volunteers made excellent arrangements.

Mr. Ram Chandra extended a hearty welcome to the President-elect and said that they all hoped that during Azad Sahib's presidentship the country would achieve "Azadi".

Maulana Azad who rose amidst thundering shouts of "Inquilab Zindabad" and "Maulana Azad Zindabad," made an unusually short speech.

At the outset, M. Azad referred to his successful efforts in bringing about a rapprochement between various Congress groups in the Punjab. He expressed his appreciation of the spirit shown by all the groups in their desire to unite and he hoped that they would continue to work together.

Maulana Sahib briefly referred to the circumstances under which he had agreed to accept the Presidentship of the Congress. He agreed to shoulder the responsibility because he thought that the present policy of the Congress was the only correct policy that a national organisation like the Congress could adopt.

Referring to the communal problem, M. Azad said that every true lover of India's Independence must try to contribute to the solution of that problem. Unfortunately, the atmosphere today was surcharged with suspicion and distrust.

He was sorry to say that this atmosphere had been created by people who looked to the British for its settlement. "Everbody has a right", said Maulana Sahib, "to agitate for securing protection of the rights of one's community. The Muslims could as well agitate for the settlement of their claims. It is their right to do so." Warming up a little, Maulana Sahib added: "But, while doing this what no one has a right to do is to look to the British instead of looking to one's own countrymen. The attitude of those who look to the British for the protection of their rights is not only wrong but nothing short of betrayal of one's country and nothing could be more disgraceful than this for a Musalman." To my mind, it is un-Islamic in spirit. Muslims should not prove a stumbling block in the way of India's march towards freedom. He maintained that this was not a new idea which he was placing before them but he had told the same thing to his co-religionists about 28 years back when the present political theories of some leaders were not known.

CHOICE BEFORE MUSLIMS

The basic question before the Musalmans was whether nine crores of them should look to the British for the protection of their rights and should think that with the British prestige and power in India was allied the question of their rights. If that was so then all talk of Independence of the use of high sounding phrases of freedom should be given up. But, if the Musalmans had not lost self-confidence and self-reliance and if they felt that there could be no danger to their rights and privileges, the only course left open to them was to join progressive forces in the country. The Congress said Maulana Sahib, was always prepared to give any legitimate assurance. Its door was always open. The Congress carried a heavy responsibility and has served the country as a whole. The Congress had tried to remove suspicions. He had himself successfully tried to keep open the Congress door. But he was sorry to say that some people had, as if, decided not to come to any settlement. The Congress door was still open for honest men willing to a self-respecting settlement.

Maulana Azad resumed his seat amidst loud and prolonged applause and shouts of "Inquilab Zindabad."—The "Tribune."

MAHATMA FOR PATNA

C. R. Invited To Working Committee Meeting

PATNA, Feb. 22.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad is arriving here from Ramgarh on the 26th February.

Arrangements are being made to accommodate the members of the Working Committee and Gandhiji at the Sadakat Ashram, where the Working Committee will meet.

Mahatma Gandhi will leave Malikanda for Patna on the 26th and will reach here on the 27th.

A Patna message says:

It is learnt that Seth Jumna Lal Bajaj will attend the ensuing meeting of the Working Committee at Patna.

"C. R." INVITED

It is understood Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar has been invited to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Working Committee at Patna while Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has expressed her inability to attend the ensuing meeting of the Congress Working Committee to be held at Patna owing to important engagements at Bombay.

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do not contemplate any further action."

Sir Baron's submission to the Governor in another letter was "If His Excellency's decision regarding the constitutional issue raised is maintained it will result in withdrawing the measure of responsibility that has been accorded to the Ministers set up under the present constitution."

SOLICITUDE FOR MORALE OF FORCE

Mr. Banks' submission in his correspondence was that the course advised would seriously affect the morale of the force and if police officers could not claim the same right as private citizens in defence of person and property, he (Inspector-General) was unable to guarantee their behaviour in maintaing Law and Order.

Discussion was adjourned to March 5.—A. P.

Congressman's Sentence Reduced On Appeal

JULLUNDUR, Feb. 22.

On an appeal filed by Sardar Bhagat Singh, a Congress worker of Haripur, Rai Bahadur Bhagat Jagannath, Sessions Judge, Jullundur, reduced his sentence from two years to five months' rigorous imprisonment.

The appellant was convicted under the Defence of India Act by a local court for delivering alleged objectionable speeches at Gakhal and Chamiara in September last in support of the Chittl Political Conference.—United Press.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE

THE FEATHERED SERPENT CASE

JUST A MINUTE!
I HEARD ABOUT INSPECTOR WADE WHEN I LEFT THE WARNING/
SO WADE'S WANDERING THE LONDON STREETS, SUFFERING FROM LOSS OF MEMORY/ SEE IF YOU CAN FIND HIM/
I DON'T REMEMBER MY NAME... ALL I REMEMBER IS--IS THE FEATHERED SERPENT/
DON'T WORRY ABOUT NOTHIN', PAL/ WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YUH/
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